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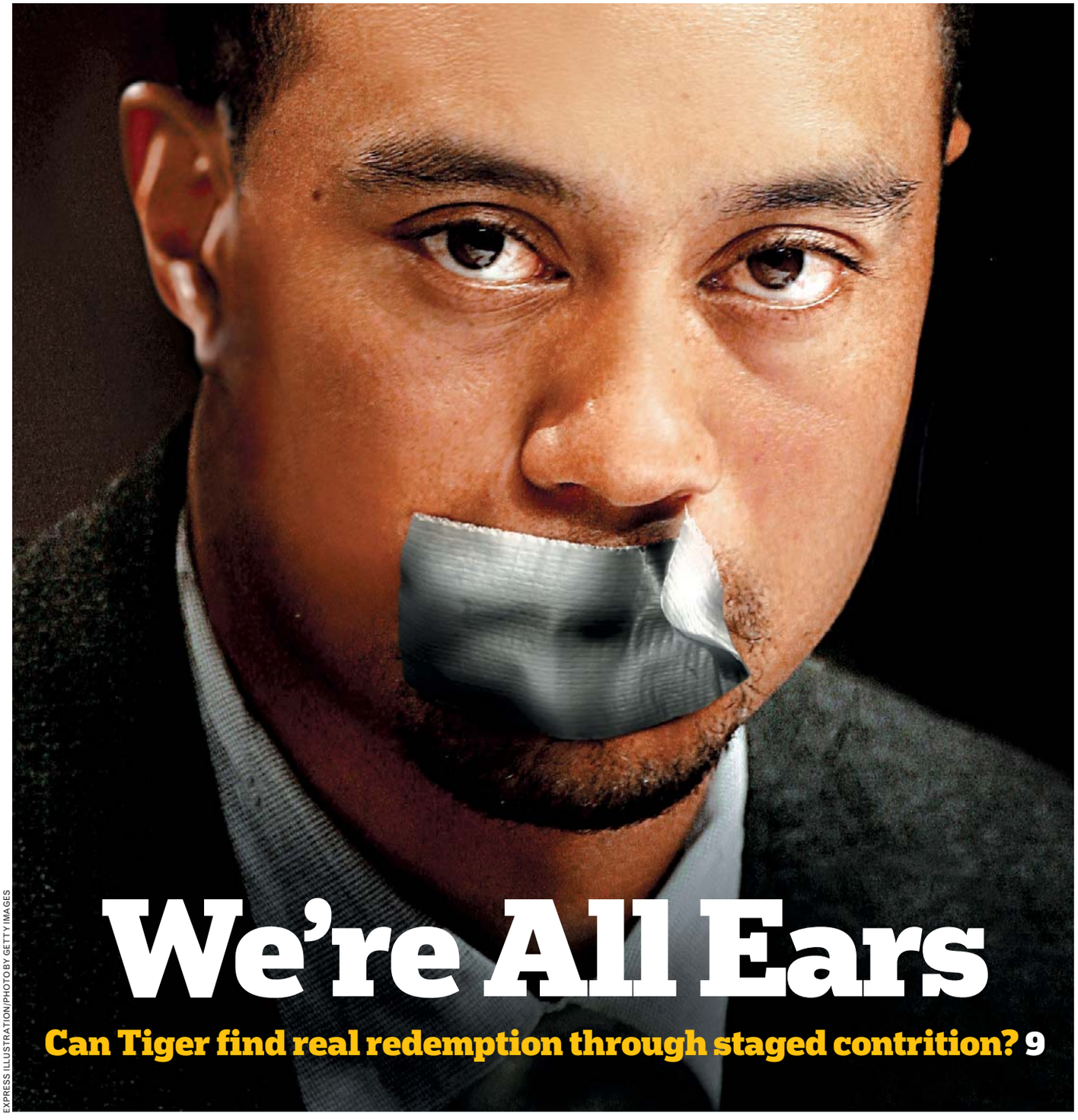


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Years of 'Stranger Danger' Indoctrination Go to Waste

A Des Moines man who accepted a ride from a Good Samaritan was then robbed by the same man. After Matthew Lee Scott's car ran out of gas Tuesday, a man offered to take him to a gas station. After the tank was filled, the man suggested they ride around in Scott's car. He ordered Scott to withdraw $220 from an ATM. The robber jumped from the car and disappeared. **(AP)**

"He said that logging onto his MySpace page was a dumb move for a burglar to make."

— **A POLICE DETECTIVE** CITES THE CONFESSION OF A HAMILTON, MO., TEEN WHO BROKE INTO A NEWSROOM, THEN VIEWED HIS FACEBOOK AND MYSPACE PAGES, PLUS ONLINE PORN, THERE.

Next: Al Roker Says He Enjoys Panda Burgers



Italian state TV has suspended a cooking show host who shocked the nation by saying cat stew is a Tuscan delicacy he has enjoyed many times. RAI TV confirmed on Wednesday that it had suspended Beppe Bigazzi, the 77-year-old host of a popular morning program that offers food tips and recipes in a country renowned for its cuisine. **(AP)**

The Big Picture

DAN BATES/ THE HERALD/AP



A RAINBOW GREETED the USS Abraham Lincoln upon its arrival at Naval Station Everett in Everett, Wash., this week. The aircraft carrier had been performing exercises off the California coast to re-certify its flight deck in preparation for its next deployment. **(AP)**

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Wal-Mart Stumbles In the U.S.

New York

After nearly 50 years of hammering competitors with discounts, Wal-Mart is getting a taste of its own medicine.

The world's largest retailer has seen sales at its U.S. Wal-Mart stores fall for the first time, as price-cutting competitors lure away bargain-hunters. Department stores and dollar stores are muscling in on the company's discount turf.

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The percentage fall in U.S. Wal-Mart sales reported Thursday, the first drop since it went public in 1969.

And executives do not expect much improvement, forecasting sales at stores open at least a year will range from down 1 percent to up 1 percent.

Overall, Wal-Mart's overseas growth and a concerted cost-cutting campaign pushed profit up 22 percent in the fourth quarter. Wal-Mart earned $4.63 billion, up from $3.8 billion in the same quarter last year.

The drop in U.S. sales was a remarkable stumble for an institution revered and reviled for its relentless expansion and economic power. **(AP)**

Pilot in Crash Left Anti-IRS Rant

At least 2 people are hurt after plane hits Texas office building

Austin, Texas

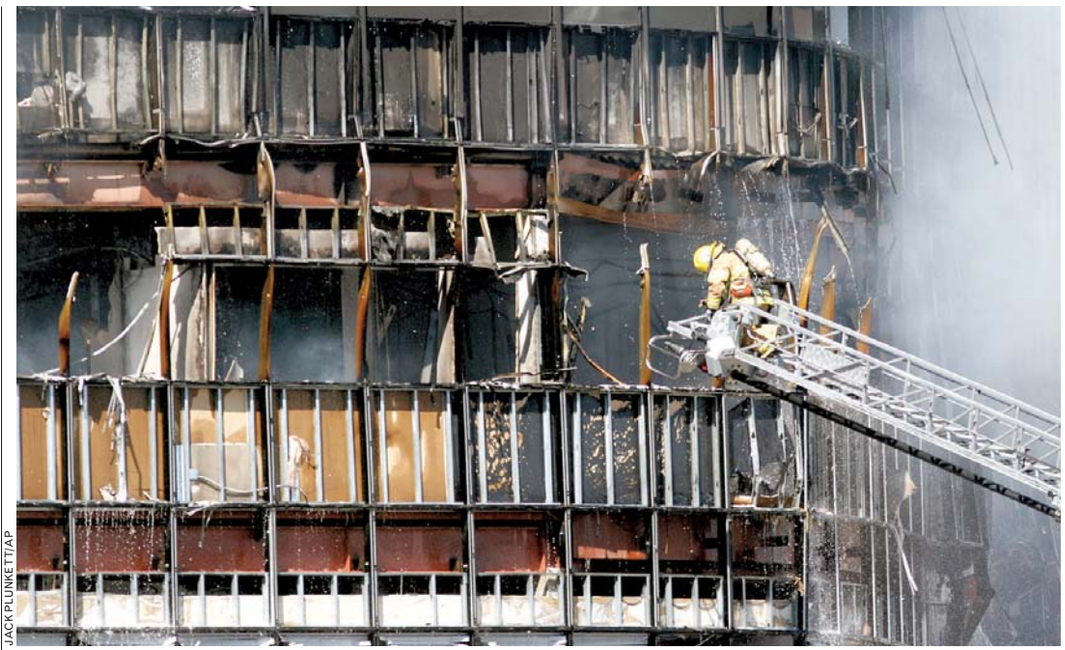
A software engineer furious with the U.S. tax agency plowed his small plane into an office building housing nearly 200 federal tax employees on Thursday, officials said, setting off a raging fire that sent workers fleeing as thick plumes of black smoke poured into the air.

The pilot was presumed dead, and at least one person who worked in the building was unaccounted for.

A U.S. law official identified the pilot as Joseph Stack — whose home was set on fire just before the crash — and said investigators were looking at an anti-government message on a Web site linked to him. The Web site outlines problems with the Internal Revenue Service and says violence "is the only answer."

Federal law enforcement officials have said they were investigating whether the pilot slammed into the Austin building on purpose in an effort to blow up IRS offices. All the officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing.

"Violence not only is the answer, it is the only answer," the long note on Stack's Web site reads, citing past problems with the tax-collecting agency.



JACK PLUNKETT/AP

Firefighters in Austin, Texas, work to put out a fire that began after a plane crashed into offices housing the IRS on Thursday.

"I am finally ready to stop this insanity. Well, Mr. Big Brother IRS man, let's try something different; take my pound of flesh and sleep well."

— **A NOTE DATED THURSDAY** ON A WEB SITE LINKED TO JOSEPH STACK, THE AUSTIN SOFTWARE ENGINEER WHO POLICE SAY CRASHED HIS PLANE INTO AN IRS BUILDING.

At least one person who worked in the building was unaccounted for and two people were hospitalized, said Austin Fire Department Division Chief Dawn Clopton. She did not have any information about the pilot. About 190 IRS employees work in the building, and IRS spokesman Richard C. Sanford the agency was trying to account for all of its workers.

After the plane crashed into the building, flames shot out, windows exploded and workers scrambled to safety. Thick smoke billowed out of the second and third stories hours later as fire crews battled the blaze.

"The ceiling caved in and windows blew in. We got up and ran," said Peggy Walker, who was sitting at her desk in the building when the plane crashed. **JIM VERTUNO (AP)**



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Nation

Obama Hosts Dalai Lama

Spiritual leader says he's 'very happy' with the low-key meeting

Washington

President Obama welcomed the Dalai Lama for closely watched White House talks Thursday, risking fallout in China over the get-together and Obama's statement supporting preservation of Tibet's identity and human rights.

"The president commended the Dalai Lama's 'Middle Way' approach, his commitment to non-violence and his pursuit of dialogue with the Chinese government," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said after the more-than hour-long private meeting.

Speaking to reporters on the White House driveway, the Dalai Lama declared himself "very happy" with the session. The exiled Tibetan leader said he spoke to Obama about the promotion of human value, religious harmony, a greater leadership role for women around the world and the concerns of the Tibetan people. He said Obama was "very much supportive."


J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

The Dalai Lama addresses reporters outside the White House on Thursday.

Obama's largely symbolic meeting with the Dalai Lama was kept low-key compared to meetings with other visiting leaders, out of deference to China. With Beijing considering the Buddhist monk a separatist, Obama doesn't want to overly anger China at a time when its cooperation is needed on nuclear standoffs with Iran and North Korea, climate change and other priorities.

So, Obama sat down with his fellow Nobel Peace Prize laureate in the Map Room rather than the much-more-photographed Oval Office, where presidents usually visit with international leaders. Their talks were held entirely out of view of cameras and the public. Instead, the White House released just a single White House photo.

Even the description the White House press office gave reporters of the talks was done on paper.

All these gestures — small to many but important in the super-sensitive world of diplomacy — were meant to tamp down China's displeasure that Obama was holding the meeting in the first place.

FOSTER KLUG (AP)

Kerik Sentenced to Four Years for Lying, Tax Fraud

White Plains, N.Y.

Former New York City police commissioner Bernard Kerik, who was hailed as a hero after the Sept. 11 terror attacks and nearly became chief of Homeland Security, was sentenced Thursday to four years in federal prison.

Kerik, a protege of former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's, pleaded guilty in November to eight felonies, including tax fraud and lying to the White House while being vetted for the Homeland Security post in 2004.

District Judge Stephen Robinson said Kerik, 54, made "a conscious decision to essentially lie to the president of the United States to get a Cabinet position."

Robinson went well beyond federal sentencing guidelines, which suggested 27 to 33 months. (AP)

Hearsay



"I think 2010 is going to be a phenomenal year for the conservative cause, and I think Barack Obama is a one-term president."

— **DICK CHENEY,** EX-VICE PRESIDENT, AT THE CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL ACTION CONFERENCE IN D.C. ON THURSDAY. HE CITED GOP VICTORIES IN THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE RACE, AND IN THE NEW JERSEY AND VIRGINIA GUBERNATORIAL RACES AS "ENORMOUSLY ENCOURAGING" FOR THE PARTY.

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World

Two More Key Taliban Captured

Arrests in Pakistan linked to seizure of militants' No. 2 leader

Kabul

Two Taliban leaders responsible for overseeing the rebel movement's presence in northern Afghan provinces have been arrested, according to Afghan and Pakistani officials. The arrests occurred in close proximity to the capture of the Taliban's second-in-command.

Mullah Abdul Salam, the Taliban leader in Kunduz province, and Mullah Mohammad, the leader in Baghlan province, were taken into custody in Pakistan about 10 days ago, according to the governor of Kunduz, Mohammad Omar.

The two men served as "shadow governors," part of the extensive network of Taliban leaders across Afghanistan who help coordinate the insurgency and mete out swift and often brutal settlements for local disputes.

"They've lost morale, it's created distress among the Taliban, and their forces have scattered around."

— **MOHAMMAD AKBAR BARAKZAI,** THE GOVERNOR OF BAGHLAN PROVINCE, DESCRIBING THE "HUGE IMPACT" ON THE TALIBAN OF THE ARRESTS OF THREE OF THEIR KEY LEADERS.

Along with the recent capture of Abdul Ghani Baradar, the Taliban's No. 2 commander, the arrests represent an important crackdown on insurgents who until now largely have operated with impunity on both sides of the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

There were differing accounts about where Salam and Mohammad were captured. Omar said that both men were arrested in Quetta, but a Pakistani security official said both men were arrested in or around the northern city of Peshawar. There were also conflicting views about whether their arrests — first reported by the New York Times — came before or after Baradar's arrest.

But officials said that the three Taliban commanders worked closely together and that the cases were linked. Both Salam and Mohammad served as military commanders during the Taliban's rise to power in the 1990s, officials said, and were close friends of Baradar's.

Omar, the Kunduz governor, said that Salam commanded about 2,000 fiercely loyal fighters in his province and predicted that the arrest could diminish Taliban strength by 40 to 50 percent in the area. **JOSHUA PARTLOW (THE WASHINGTON POST)**



PATRICK BAZ/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Marines walk in a poppy field on the outskirts of Marja, Afghanistan, Thursday.

NATO Holds Main Roads In Taliban Stronghold

Marja, Afghanistan

U.S.-led forces control the main roads and markets in the besieged Taliban stronghold of Marja, a Marine general said Thursday, even as fighting raged elsewhere in the southern farming town.

Marines and Afghan soldiers encountered better-fortified Taliban positions and more skilled marksmen on the sixth day of the assault, indicating Taliban resistance in their logistics and opium-smuggling center was far from crushed. A British general said he expected it would take another month to secure the town.

NATO said four service members died Thursday, bringing the number of allied troops killed in the offensive to nine NATO troops and one Afghan soldier. The international coalition did not disclose their nationalities, but Britain's Defense Ministry said two British soldiers were among the dead.

No precise figures on Taliban deaths have been released, but senior Marine officers say intelligence reports suggest more than 120 have died. The officers spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not supposed to release the data. **ALFRED DE MONTESQUIOU (AP)**

Niger Soldiers Launch a Coup

Niamey, Niger

Renegade soldiers in armored vehicles stormed Niger's presidential palace with a hail of gunfire in broad daylight Thursday, kidnapping the strongman president and then appearing on television to declare they staged a successful coup.

The soldiers also said on state TV that the country's constitution had been suspended and all its institutions dissolved. The spokesman for the soldiers said the country is now being led by the Supreme Council for the Restoration of Democracy.

Traore Amadou, a local journalist who was in the presidency when the shooting began, said President Mamadou Tandja was kidnapped by mutinous troops. His whereabouts remained unknown hours later when the soldiers took to the airwaves to announce the coup. **(AP)**

Rain, Flooding Add to Misery in Haiti



JAVIER GALEANO/AP

A CHILD WALKS among floating debris spread by floodwaters in the Cite Soleil neighborhood of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Thursday. Heavy rains overnight flooded parts of the city as it recovers from the damage caused by the Jan. 12 earthquake. Many who live in makeshift camps still do not have waterproof tents or tarps to protect themselves from the rain.



LITERATURE

The manuscript given to France's national library Thursday begins simply, yet seductively: "The story of Jacques Casanova ... written by himself." "Himself" is the 18th-century lothario, spy and writer whose name has become an international synonym for lover. And the original, $9.5 million manuscript contains Casanova's memoirs, a work that shocked publishers two centuries ago. The 3,700 pages will go on public display in Paris next year. **(AP)**

World

IAEA Casts Doubt on Iran Claims

Iran appears to have recently pursued secret research that could help it develop nuclear warheads, the United Nations' nuclear watchdog said Thursday, casting fresh doubt on Iran's claims that its nuclear intentions are peaceful.

The International Atomic Energy Agency also confirmed that Iran has increased the enrichment level of some of its uranium, bringing the Islamic republic a step closer to being able to make weapons-grade nuclear fuel.

In a strongly worded report, the IAEA challenged Iran to explain purchases of sensitive technology as well as secret tests of high-precision detonators and missile reentry systems — experiments closely associated with atomic warheads. Although much of the research took place nearly a decade ago, the report said some tests "seem to have continued beyond 2004."

The date is significant because it contradicts a bedrock assumption by U.S. intelligence agencies that Iran halted weapons-related research in 2003. U.S. officials are in the process of revising their key judgments about whether Iran is seeking actual nuclear weapons, or just the ability to quickly produce them.

JOBY WARRICK (THE WASHINGTON POST)

ANIMALS



Cuba's government said Thursday it is facing a major mule deficit and has commissioned a census of the animals to assess the problem. Authorities said Cuba may be facing a deficit of 8,000 in highlands areas alone. (AP)

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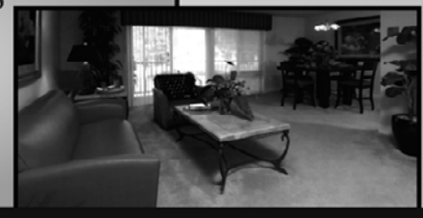
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Local

Snowstorms Cost Metro About $18M

Washington

Metro says the back-to-back snowstorms this month have cost the transit agency an estimated $18 million.

The storms forced Metro to limit rail service to underground stations only, which officials say caused a "tremendous loss of ridership." In addition, Metro is losing money because its parking spaces are still covered in snow and ice.

Of the estimated costs, $8 million is for snow removal efforts, and $9.7 million accounts for lost revenue. Metro Chief Financial Officer Carol Kissal says the system is working with Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia to submit costs to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for possible reimbursement.

Metro also is looking into recovering other administrative costs, such as equipment and property damage. **(AP)**

D.C. Council May Censure Barry

After scathing report, councilman is losing colleagues' support

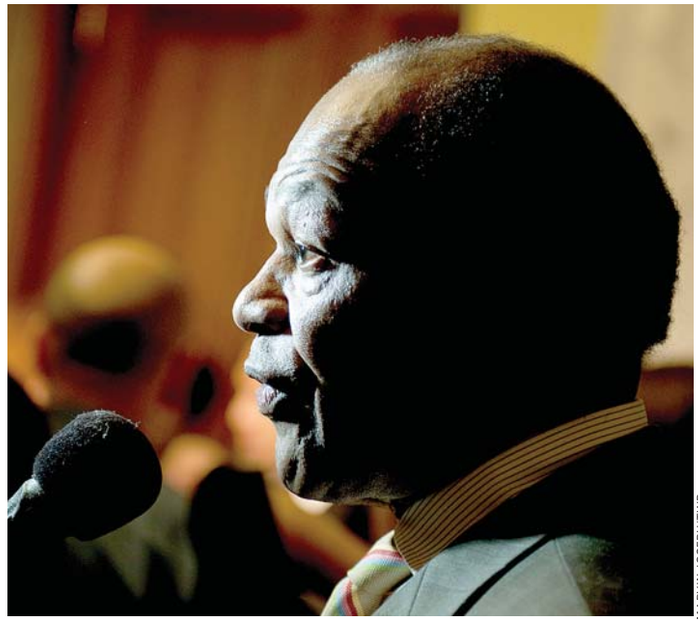
Washington

Several D.C. Council members said Wednesday that they will move quickly to censure Marion Barry, perhaps stripping him of his committee chairmanship, if he is not able to clear himself of public corruption allegations by next week.

Barry, a Democrat who represents Ward 8 on the council, has until Tuesday to respond to a report to the council by lawyer Robert S. Bennett accusing him of benefiting from a city contract he secured for a former girlfriend.

Although Barry has long enjoyed a good relationship with many of his council colleagues, there were signs Wednesday that he is losing support.

"The report is so thorough and so detailed and so convincing that I really don't see what rebuttal there could be," said council member Mary M. Cheh, D-Ward 3.



MARVIN JOSEPH/TWP

Marion Barry is accused of benefiting from a contract he secured for an ex-girlfriend.

"It's time for us now to stand up for the ethics and the reputation of the institution."

Bennett, backed by a team of investigators, recommended that the allegations against Barry be referred to the U.S. attorney's office for possible criminal investigation. Federal prosecutors have declined to comment on the report.

It remains unclear whether they think they could build a case against the former mayor.

Bennett, who was retained by the council to conduct the probe, accuses Barry of taking a cut from a $15,000 contract that he had secured in 2008 for a woman he was romantically involved with. The Bennett report also alleges that Barry used city earmarks to benefit friends and political supporters.



Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray said he plans to have the council consider a possible censure resolution March 2.

Barry denies the accusations. He declined to comment Wednesday, but his attorney, Fred Cooke, said Wednesday he will draft a rebuttal to the report in coming days.

"To say, based on the Bennett report, without Barry's response, that we've got to do X, Y and Z is premature," said council member Jack Evans, D-Ward 2. "To make a decision now, without giving him the benefit of the doubt of the process, would not be fair to him or anybody else."

TIM CRAIG (THE WASHINGTON POST)



The Lotteries

Thursday, Feb. 18

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	4-4-3
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	2-9-5
Mid-day DC 4	1-9-0-0
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	5-4-9-5
Mid-day D.C. Five	9-5-5-6-9
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	7-7-5-6-9
Daily 6 (Wed.)	21-22-25-29-30-37 (16)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	5-8-24-30-33 (17)

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	3-7-4
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-3-2
Mid-day Pick 4	2-0-7-0
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-9-1-4
Match 5 (Wed.)	6-13-25-27-39 (33)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	6-7-19-20-25-35

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	1-1-9
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	0-5-1
Mid-day Pick 4	2-3-8-9
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-1-3-1
Mid-day Cash 5	15-19-20-28-32
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	9-18-19-23-32
Win For Life (Wed.)	5-17-21-25-30-39 (15)

Multi-State Games

Powerball	7-8-19-26-36 (15)
Power Play	3X

A Cubby of Cuteness at National Zoo



MEHGAN MURPHY/SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL ZOO

TWO CLOUDED LEOPARD CUBS rest at the Smithsonian National Zoo's Front Royal Campus on Wednesday. The zoo announced Thursday that 3½-year-old leopard Jao Chu gave birth to the two cubs on Valentine's Day.

Tiger Goes Out for a Spin

Woods will be controlling the message in his first effort to restore his image

Damage Control

Is this any way to handle a scandal?

The first stop on the Tiger Woods Rehabilitation Tour tees off Friday, with the golfer's public reemergence at a long-anticipated, but tightly controlled, media event.

After 12 weeks of self-imposed isolation, Woods will comment on his golfing future and, presumably, apologize for the extramarital affairs that engulfed him and his wife, Elin, in a tabloid tsunami since late November.

But just as he does on the course, Woods will call all the shots during his appearance outside Jacksonville, Fla. Reporters from only three wire services have been invited (The Associated Press, Reuters and Bloomberg) and only one "pool" TV camera will be permitted into the room in which Woods will make his statement. He'll take no questions from journalists, ensuring that the event will stick to a script crafted by Woods and his handlers.

Which means a few million TV viewers will likely see only what Woods and his managers want them to see: a contrite superstar, surrounded by friends and supporters, vowing to live up to his former image as a family man.

Will it be enough to restore Woods' pre-tabloid image? Several communications experts say at best it's a minimal first step.

"It's not the best strategy," said Paul Levinson, a communication professor at Fordham University in New York. "Avoiding press questions is just going to make the press angrier at him. To some extent, this is a taunt."

By restricting his comments now, Woods may be repeating the same mistake he made at the outset of the scandal, when his vague and limited statement on his Web site fueled speculation and led to a torrent of media coverage about his alleged paramours, Levinson said.

"This not only doesn't solve the problem; it aggravates it," said Gene Grabowski, a senior vice president at Levick Strategic Communications, a "crisis" communications firm in Washington. By avoiding questions, Woods is "enhancing the perception that he and his advisers are trying to control the situation. They're still behaving as if they're calling the tune when, in fact, they should be facing the music."

While many have argued that Woods' personal life is none of the public's business, Woods may be aiming for redemption not just in the public's eyes but also among current and future sponsors.

In the wake of his scandal, a few sponsors (AT&T, the Accenture consulting firm) severed their relationships with him. Others (Nike, Gillette, Gatorade, Electronic Arts) stood by but scrubbed the airwaves of any Tiger ads. One measure of Woods' "comeback" will surely be the reappearance of ads featuring him.

Ultimately, Woods' image will be restored not with words but with deeds and actions, said Bob Dorfman, who writes the Sports Marketer Scouting Report, which assesses athletes' suitability for ads. "The best thing he can do is win golf tournaments again," he said.

Which may explain the timing of Woods' effort to restore his good name. Golf's biggest event, the Masters Tournament, starts April 6.

PAUL FARHI (THE WASHINGTON POST)



SAM GREENWOOD/AP

Tiger Woods takes a jog with a friend on Wednesday in the first image seen of the world's best golfer since his scandal broke.

Surviving a Scandal

The recent history of celebrity scandals suggests that an open-ended apology isn't always necessary.



In revealing an extortion plot, late-night talk show host David Letterman confessed on air to sleeping with members of his TV show's staff, took no questions about it and has enjoyed a ratings resurgence ever since.



Martha Stewart's empire went on hiatus after she was convicted of various charges stemming from insider trading. After serving her sentence, she didn't appear contrite at a news conference but landed back on television.



Baseball superstars Alex Rodriguez, Andy Pettitte and Mark McGwire, above, have quieted talk about their use of performance-enhancing drugs by offering limited admissions in carefully orchestrated interviews.



Former senator John Edwards generated some sympathy by admitting infidelity in an interview with ABC, although his credibility was shredded when he later recanted his denials about fathering his mistress' child.



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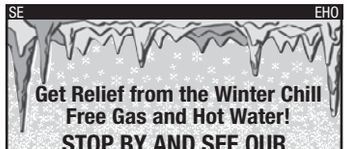
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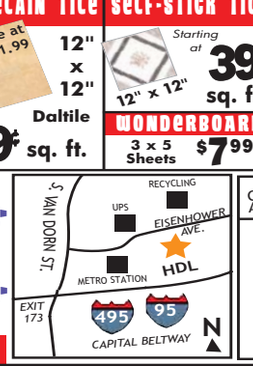
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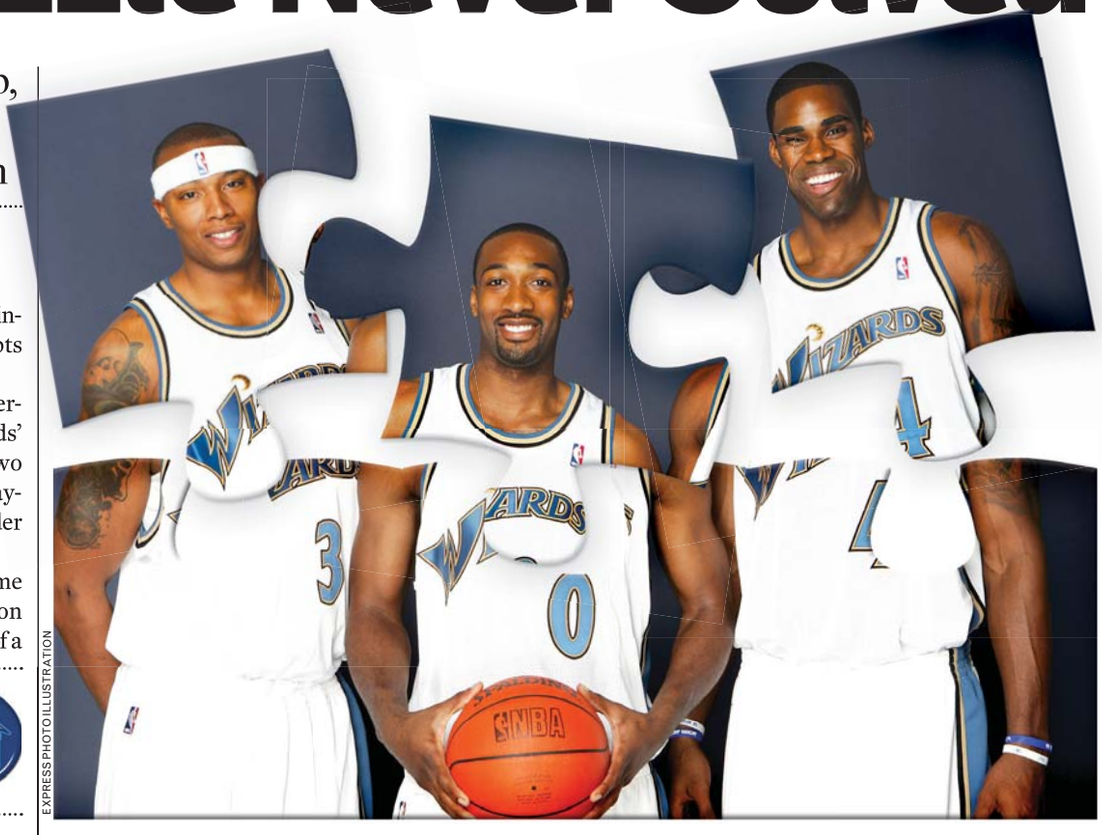
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A Puzzle Never Solved

Big Three broken up, Wizards are forced to start from scratch

The Wizards



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And then there were none.

No Big Three; no hopes at winning a championship; no doubts that this overhaul was needed.

Antawn Jamison, the cornerstone of the Washington Wizards' most successful stretch in two decades, became the latest player sent to an NBA title contender Wednesday night.

The All-Star forward became LeBron James' new sidekick on the Cleveland Cavaliers as part of a three-way trade in which Washington acquired rising star Al Thornton from the Los Angeles Clippers, which in turn received Drew Gooden — who never played a game for the Wizards after being traded by Dallas last week.

7 P.M. | CSN
Friday

The move comes days after swingman Caron Butler and center Brendan Haywood were traded to the Mavericks for four players, including Gooden and forward Josh Howard.

"Extreme Makeover: Team Edition" is how Wizards forward Mike Miller described the past two weeks to The Washington Post.

Indeed, the flurry of activity — rivaled only by this month's double blizzard — comes in the midst of a season gone horribly wrong.

Talk of returning to the postseason — which the Wizards reached four times in Jamison's 5½-year tenure — turned to rebuilding soon after Gilbert Arenas brought guns into the team's locker room in late December.

"There's disappointment. We could never get any traction. The thing with Gil really tainted everything."

— **WIZARDS HEAD COACH FLIP SAUNDERS,** SPEAKING ABOUT THE STATE OF HIS TEAM AFTER GILBERT ARENAS' SUSPENSION AND TWO TRADES GUTTED THE SQUAD.

Ironically, Arenas is the last part of the Big Three still affiliated with the Wizards as he serves his suspension through the rest of the season. But the Pollin family, acting in the stead of the late-Wizards owner Abe Pollin and team President Ernie Grunfeld, have made little secret that Arenas' time is done in the nation's capital.

"There's disappointment," Wizards coach Flip Saunders said after Wednesday's night win over the Minnesota Timberwolves. "We could never get any traction. The thing with Gil really tainted everything."

The Wizards are currently 18-33, bad enough for the NBA's fifth-worst record. With a new roster built mostly to clear salary cap room for the future, the team will be competing for a top spot in the draft lottery.

Of the new-look Wizards fans can watch the rest of the season — starting Friday night against the Denver Nuggets — Thornton is the only player brought in this past week who will likely be in Washington next year.

Will Kentucky's John Wall join him? The Wizards' fortunes rest in how their luck holds in the next several NBA drafts and their ability to lure free agents to a rebuilding organization.

As for Jamison, he looks back fondly at his time in D.C., though he knows the Big Three never met expectations.

"I didn't accomplish what I wanted to, and I feel bad because of the fans," he said.

The same fans who are going to watch a team starting from scratch.

MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)

TV Lineup



NICK WASS/AP

Virginia coach Tony Bennett, left, and his squad have lost four games in a row.

Friday

11 A.M. Tiger Woods speaks for the first time since admitting to infidelities. ESPN

7 P.M. With all of their trades finally completed, the Wizards host the Denver Nuggets. CSN

8 P.M. Caron Butler and the Dallas Mavericks face the Orlando Magic, and then the Portland Trail Blazers host the Boston Celtics. ESPN

Saturday

2 P.M. Maryland's men's basketball team may finally be able to move into the top 25 with a win over Georgia Tech. My20

4 P.M. Virginia's men's basketball team tries to snap a four-game skid when playing Clemson. CSN

7 P.M. The Wizards visit the Toronto Raptors with little on the line. CSN

8 P.M. If it's Bracketbuster Saturday, George Mason must be playing. The Patriots host the College of Charleston. ESPN2

Sunday

NOON Top 25 Big East squads Villanova and Pittsburgh lock horns. CBS

1 P.M. Maryland's women's basketball team aims to avenge its earlier loss to Duke. CSN

2 P.M. Week 2 of this season's Sprint Cup finds NASCAR drivers in Fontana, Calif., for the Auto Club 500. FOX

U.S. Skaters' Rivalry Is History

Davis, Hedrick drop feud to put the focus on accomplishments

Speedskating



VINCENZO PINTO/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Shani Davis, left, won gold, and Chad Hedrick won bronze in the 1,000M race Wednesday. They face off in the 1,500M race next.

Shani Davis and Chad Hedrick will never be the best of friends.

That's OK.

At least all that nastiness from Turin is behind them. And now everyone can focus on what these two have accomplished inside the oval.

With another big race to go at the Vancouver Games, Davis and Hedrick are assured of going down as two of the greatest speedskaters in U.S. history, instead of being tainted by their feud at the 2006 Winter Olympics, where they battled over Davis' not skating a team event.

Davis became the first Olympian to win the 1,000 meters twice when he defended his title Wednesday, somehow finding a little extra speed on the last half-lap to pull out the gold.

Joining him on the podium was Hedrick, whose bronze made him the only American male outside of the great Eric Heiden to claim medals at four different distances.

"All that stuff that was done before, man, that is old news," Hedrick said. "I just hope people will look at us in a different light and think, 'Man, those guys are good athletes,' rather than wondering who wants to fight with who."

The two stood together on the victory stand, each holding one end of an American flag.

"Him and I getting together and carrying the American flag, I think that shows that — you know what? — people misread us," said Hedrick, who added to the medals he won in the 1,500, 5,000 and 10,000 at the 2006 games. "We just want to win."

Davis became just the fourth American man to win more than one speedskating gold medal, joining Heiden (five at the 1980 Lake Placid Games), Jack Shea and Irving Jaffee (two golds each at the '32 games, also in Lake Placid).

Davis and Hedrick will face each other again on Saturday in the 1,500, each looking to add to his medal haul. Davis is the world-record holder in that event, just as he is in the 1,000, but Hedrick is the only guy to beat him at the longer distance during the World Cup season.

No matter what happens, their place in speedskating history is secure.

"We're both at the top of our game," Davis said, "and we both want to win." PAUL NEWBERRY (AP)

What to Watch



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ICE DANCING
(8 P.M., NBC) In the first of three nights of competition, Americans Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto take part in the compulsory dance.

ALPINE SKIING
(NOON, USA) After weather-caused delays, the men finally get back on the slopes with the Super G.

WOMEN'S CURLING
(NOON, USA) The U.S. takes on Russia to start off a full day of action.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
(3 P.M., NBC) Norway's Marit Bjoergen shoots for her third medal in Vancouver during the women's 15k.

SKELETON
(8 P.M., NBC) Look for some harrowing action in the brutal sledding sport.

MEN'S HOCKEY
(3 P.M., NBC) Sweden and Belarus play in round-robin action.

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Lindsay Vonn reacts after slipping up in the slalom portion of the super-combined on Thursday. The American is scheduled to compete again Saturday in the super-G race.

Vonn Falls Short in Second Race

American's bruised shin gets the best of her super-combined

Alpine Skiing

Lindsey Vonn, her bruised shin "killing me," lost her bid for a second Olympic gold medal Thursday when she missed a gate and fell in the slalom leg of the super-combined.

Maria Riesch of Germany won the event, helping to atone for her failure to challenge best friend and biggest rival Vonn in Wednesday's marquee downhill race.

Vonn, who once worried that the injury would keep her from skiing at all in these Olympics, was fastest in the morning downhill run of the super-combined but was visibly in pain after the twisting slalom run on an icy course pressed her ski boot against the badly bruised shin.

Last among the leaders to ski in the slalom, she was 0.07 seconds ahead of Reisch's pace at the first checkpoint but fell behind by 0.18 seconds at the second checkpoint on the bottom half of the course, then missed a gate and lost her right ski before crashing to the snow.

"It hurts so bad," Vonn said. "It's one thing to do the downhill, but the super-combined is really tough on my shin."



SHAUN BOTTERILL/GETTY IMAGES

Julia Mancuso, left, got the first U.S. medal in women's combined since 1948.

She will get an off day on Friday before her next event, Saturday's super-G, where she is an overwhelming favorite.

Riesch had a total time of 2 minutes, 09.14 seconds, to beat Julia Mancuso of the United States by 0.94 seconds. Mancuso got her second silver medal after being runner-up to Vonn in the downhill. Anja Paerson of Sweden took the bronze, 1.05 behind Riesch.

Vonn struggled in slalom this season even before the injury. She has failed to complete a two-run race in four of seven World Cup events, and her best result was runner-up behind Riesch in the opener last November. (AP)

U.S. Men Crush Norway 6-1; Canada Up Next

Ice Hockey

It took nearly all 60 minutes for the U.S. hockey team to get the blowout it wanted.

Nursing a two-goal lead for much of the final two periods, the Americans broke it open against Norway on Thursday when defenseman Brian Rafalski scored twice in the final three minutes of a 6-1 victory.

Phil Kessel and Chris Drury had first-period goals, Patrick Kane stretched the lead to 3-0 in the second, and Ryan Malone added his second goal of the tournament to back seldom-tested goalie Ryan Miller.

The Americans improved to 2-0 in Vancouver. After winning only once in six games (1-4-1) four years ago in Turin, the United States will have a chance to capture Group A with a victory over heavily favored Canada on Sunday. (AP)



MATT SLOCUM/AP

USA's Brian Rafalski (28) battles Norway's Ole Kristian Tollefsen in the second.

Medal Count

5 GOLD	4 SILVER	6 BRONZE

▲ **United States** TOTAL: 15

COUNTRY				T
Germany	4	4	3	11
Norway	3	3	2	8
Canada	3	3	1	7
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Austria	1	2	2	5
Switzerland	3	0	1	4
China	2	1	1	4
Italy	0	1	3	4

Top Performers



Christine Nesbitt, Canada

Nesbitt won Canada's first speedskating gold medal, capturing the women's 1,000 meters by two-hundredths of a second after turning on the speed late to win in 1 minute, 16.56 seconds.

Kevin Martin, Canada

The men's curling skip powered the host nation to a shortened, nine-end match 7-3 at the Vancouver Olympics. Canada has won its first three matches with six to go in group play.

Hearsay

"It's a bit of a shame that I should stand here and cry when I've performed so well."

— **TORA BERGE,** whose victory in the women's 15k biathlon Thursday was Norway's 100th Olympic gold medal.

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Jemma Kidd

MAKEUP ARTIST, ENGLISH COUNTESS

British-born makeup pro Jemma Kidd boasts a glam background (younger sis Jodie Kidd is a supermodel; husband Arthur Morrington is English royalty), but she's made her name helping regular women look their best. In addition to three makeup lines (including the JK brand, available at Target stores), Kidd recently released a lush-yet-accessible how-to book, "Jemma Kidd Make-Up Masterclass" ($25, St. Martin's).

What makes your book different from other makeup how-tos?

There are a lot of fantastic makeup artists out there, but they don't work with real women. They work with celebrities and models, or on photo shoots. Since I started opening my makeup schools in the U.K., which offer nonprofessional courses, I've learned so much about what real women want to know. It's helped me create an easy, understandable book of makeup ideas aimed at regular women.

Was that why you focused on step-by-step instructions and lots of photos?

I wanted it to be a bit like a cookbook, where they show you the dish and exactly what to do to make it. I think anything visual has to be seen to be understood.

Are women intimidated by makeup?

I think a lot of women get stuck in a rut. They get too familiar with the one look that they've been wearing for years. They know how to do it in two minutes; it's like an old friend. And they shouldn't do that. Over time, your skin changes, your eye shape changes and new formulas are developed.

What's a big mistake that most women make with their makeup?

The No. 1 thing I see is women applying way too much makeup, thinking they're looking better

> **"I think fake tanning on the face is just terrible. ... I see orange girls everywhere!"**

when it's really making them look worse. Makeup should be all about enhancing your best features.

Any other beauty peeves?

I think fake tanning on the face is just really terrible, because it makes it so hard to find a foundation and concealer to match. You can look tan and gorgeous with just a brilliant bronzer and a warmer foundation. You don't need the fake tanner. I see orange girls everywhere!

What made you so interested in cosmetics?

I've always been artistic, though I thought I'd be painting canvases, not faces. But back when I was doing a little bit of modeling, I worked with this amazing makeup artist who totally changed my face into the one I always wanted. That's when I learned about the power of makeup, because it made me feel more confident.

Any products you swear by?

Mascara. It just instantly lifts the whole face and makes the eyes look bigger. Frankly, I look like a drowned rat without it.

BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | Annapolis Boutique Warehouse Sale

Nearly 20 chic Annapolis and Baltimore shops — including Hampden's hip Doubledutch Boutique and Lilac Bijoux, a favorite for well-priced baubles — join forces for a sale of up to 75 percent off fall/winter merch. Sat., 12-5 p.m. Loews Annapolis Hotel (126 West St., Annapolis; 410-263-7777). $5 admission benefits Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund.

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2 Merit Badge for Tastiness

IF YOU MISSED ordering your annual Girl Scout cookie stash from a co-worker's kid, don't fret: Starting today, those perky-faced scouts will set up cookie booths at area grocery stores and Metro stops (go to Girlscoutcookies.org to locate a sales spot near you). In addition to your stockpile of Thin Mints and Samoas, we'd suggest sampling this year's new treat: Thank You Berry Munch (shown, $3.50 per box), loaded with cranberries and white fudge chips There's no use resisting: If the sugar alone doesn't sway you, those sweetly enterprising salesgirls will.



4 The O Glow

NARS HAS BUILT a cosmetics empire on its ability to bottle the glowy effects of a, er, satisfying roll in the hay. In addition to the brand's best-selling, pinky-peach Orgasm blush, there's Orgasm lip gloss (for a just-been-smooched effect), Super Orgasm blush (loaded with gold shimmer) and even Orgasm nail polish (we've heard of toes curling, but come on now). The newest addition: Orgasm Illuminator ($29, Sephora stores), an ultra-light liquid that delivers that desirable, dewy afterglow sans the bed head.

Grab Bag



1 I Can See Chicly Now

SOME PEOPLE inherit old-school cool antiques from their grandparents. But if you, like us, got nothing but a lime-green plaid recliner in Nana's will, Wisteria's new mirror collection (shown, $49-$2,200, Wisteria.com) brings vintage swank to even the dankest spaces. Retro-inspired pieces include an oyster shell-encrusted oval, several gilded sunburst styles and — our favorite — a shield-shaped, neo-Victorian baby (shown, bottom right, $329) that Charles Dickens might've owned, had he lived in a hip London loft. Any of them would reflect well over a dresser, sink or dining table.



3 Perfect Attendants

SINCE REVAMPING last fall under a savvy new designer, Ann Taylor has become our go-to store for slim-cut suits and sleek separates, (vintage-y coats, ruffly tops). Now, the label applies that same freshened-up formula to a line of affordable wedding wear, from frothy, tiered bridal gowns ($495) to bridesmaid dresses such as a silk crossover dress (shown, $185, Anntaylor.com). Frocks come in a range of size-friendly shapes and flattering hues (coral, buttery yellow) that should keep your picky sister from complaining behind your back.



5 A Violet Phase

IN COOKING, foods don't turn purple unless you're sauteing a cartoon dinosaur or roasting Peruvian potatoes. But the latest hues from Le Creuset, lavender and cassis, bring the color into the cucina via Dutch ovens, gratin dishes and frying pans (shown, $20-$270, Sur La Table stores and Surlatable.com). A set of the berry-shaded stuff and a vintage "Purple Rain" poster equals a fab, florid kitchen makeover.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I'm working in a job that pays me far too little with far too little personal satisfaction. I know in this economy I should be thankful to have a job, but I'm still dissatisfied. I'm especially unhappy that I can't afford to wear better shoes to work. Help me find something that's both good-looking and affordable. — MEGAN

Manolo says, oh, how the Manolo empathizes with his friend's situation, for the Manolo himself has been more than once stuck in the menial job, la-



boring like the monkey for the handful of peanuts.

As the Manolo always recommends, you should save up your moneys so as to afford the truly super-fantastic shoes, as few things feel as good as wearing amazing shoes.

But the Manolo also knows exactly what it is like to be poor, so poor that you must fashion your own super-fantastic shoes out of dented hubcaps and pieces of rubber tire that you have gathered from along the verge of the highway and glued together with your own salty, bitter tears.

Look, here is the Temptation from Circa by Joan & David ($99, Zappos.com), the kitten-heeled pointy-toed pump that would look very smart at work for not too much moneys.

Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

Event Horizon

Slurp bivalves and brews at the Chesapeake Oyster and Beer Festival . $75-$85, Feb. 19-20; 137 National Plaza, National Harbor, Md. Info at 1-800-830-3976.

Grab Bag goods gathered and reviewed by Jennifer Barger and Betsy Lowther. For other food, fashion, beauty and home finds, visit expressnightout.com/grabbag

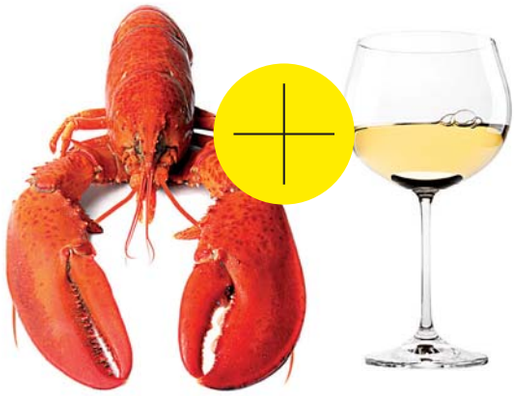
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PAIRINGS

LOBSTER
OR SHRIMP, CRAB OR SALMON

Pairing recommendation by Sebastian Zutant, wine director of Proof (775 G St. NW; 202-737-7663)



FOOD TRAITS

Sweet, delicate, often poached and served with butter.

WINE DO

A white Burgundy or a really well-made, slightly rich California Chardonnay.

WHY

The acidity levels of white Burgundy keep it lighter on the palate. The Chardonnay is sweet and buttery, which helps it match the lobster.

WINE DON'T

Red wines of medium-to-full body can overpower the sweetness of the meat. Lobster stands up best to decadent, rich wine.

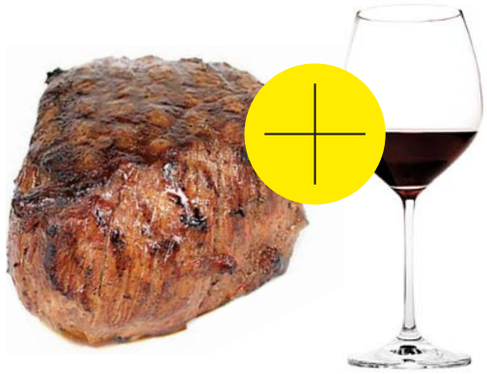
BEST BOTTLES



Patrick Javillier Cuvée des Forgets 2007 *(shown, $20, Total Wine, McLean, Va.; 703-749-0011)*
Failla Chardonnay *($53, Addy Bassin's MacArthur Beverages, 4877 MacArthur Blvd. NW; 202-338-1433)*

STEAK
OR LAMB, BURGERS OR OTHER ROASTED MEATS

Pairing recommendations by Weygandt Wines (3519 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-362-9463)



Grilled flavors, heavy meat, some marbled fat.

That old decree is true: red wine loves red flesh. Refine the combo from there, with delicate fillets going with Pinot Noir and heavier steaks (New York strips, ribeyes) standing up to a Syrah.

The tannins and richness of red wines balance the fat and grain of the red meat.

Whites! Crisp fruits and acidic finishes from wines such as Sauvignon Blanc won't make a dent in steak's heaviness. Some reds stink, too, such as a Cabernet Sauvignon, which would overpower a simple fillet.



Scene 17 Pinot Noir 2007 *(shown, $20, Total Wine)*
Domaine Collotte Bourgogne Cuvee de Noble Souche 2007 *($20, Weygandt Wines, 3519 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-362-9463)*

CHINESE FOOD
PLUS THAI OR VIETNAMESE DISHES

Pairing recommendations by Weygandt Wines (3519 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-362-9463)



Spicy, often sweet and heavy on the soy sauce.

A zingy white wine from France's Alsatian region like a Riesling, Gewurztraminer or Pinot Gris.

Alsatian whites often have really delicate spices that complement the spices of Chinese food. Their sweet-to-dry profile will balance the sauces.

Very crisp and highly acidic wines like Sauvignon Blanc won't pair well — their lemon-lime and grapefruit notes will clash with the soy sauce.



René Sparr Gewurztraminer 2007 *(shown, $18, Total Wine)*
Domaine Albert Mann Pinot Blanc 2007 or **Riesling Cuvee Albert** *($18 and $28, Weygandt Wines)*

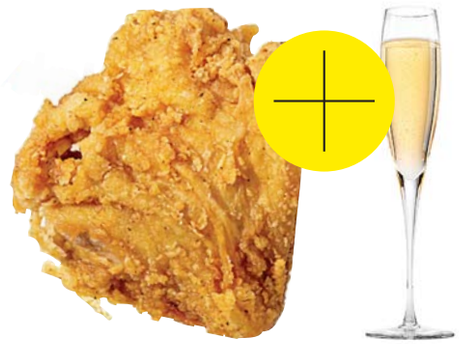
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You've heard the rule about food and wine mash-ups: Whites go with fish, reds with beef. Those aren't bad ways to achieve vino-vittles veritas, but, really, "there's no exact equation for pairing food with wine," says Tim O'Rourke of Weygandt Wines (3519 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-362-9463). "Think about where the dish you're eating originated." That means a Spanish wine tastes swell with tapas and a French one with coq a vin. Still, many dishes can be challenging, so we asked local pros for help pairing what's on your plate with what's in your chalice. **ERIN HARTIGAN**

FRIED CHICKEN

PLUS OTHER CHICKEN DISHES AND RICH SEAFOOD RECIPES SUCH AS FRIED OYSTERS

Pairing recommendations by Brian Zipin, general manager and sommelier at Central Michel Richard (1001 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-626-0015)



Crisped chicken with buttery flavor.

A white wine with some body, like California Chardonnay, German Riesling or a champagne.

A white wine with minerality and a touch of sweetness will augment the flavors of the breading and the chicken.

Light-bodied whites like Pinot Grigio — they'll get lost against the oiliness of fried food.



Champagne De Margerie à Bouzy Grand Cru *(shown, $35, Total Wine)*
Shafer Vineyards Chardonnay *($43, the Wine Specialist, 2115 M St. NW; 202-833-0707)*

CHEESECAKE

OR MELLOW CHEESES AND LIGHT LEMON DESSERTS

Pairing recommendations by Diane Gross & Khalid Pitts of Cork Market (1805 14th St. NW; 202-265-2674)



ALL PHOTOS ISTOCK

Creamy, sweet, slightly tangy.

Fluffy, rich desserts go well with a Sauternes, a late-harvest dessert wine from France that smells of honey and tastes of tropical fruit.

Though high in residual sugar, Sauternes have enough acidity to balance tartness in the dessert.

Port or richer dessert wines would overwhelm the lightness of a cheesecake.



Château Sauternes La Rame, Sainte-Croix-du-Mont 2005 *(shown, $20, Cork Market)*
Château Loupiac-Gaudiet, Oupiac 2005 *($14, Cork Market)*

GO TO GLASS CLASS



LAWRENCE LUK

Sommelier Christianna Sargent hosts wine nights at Willow.

Here's one lesson plan that goes down easy (slurp): The more wine you drink, the better you'll understand it, from which flavors you like to the bottles that'll pair with your favorite foods. Local oenophiles lead a variety of tastings and classes that allow you to get both educated and — maybe — a little buzzed.

Among the wine stores pouring and pouring out info: **Weygandt Wines** *(3519 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-362-9463)*, which samples six wines every day and **Cork Market** *(1805 14th St. NW; 202-265-2674)*, which just debuted an upstairs tasting room for classes and special events. At the latter, staffers serve samples of new vino Mon.-Fri. 5-7 p.m. and Sat. 3-6 p.m.; frequent classes include a Feb. 20 look at New World wines.

Grape-centric restaurants also often teach what amount to Wine 101 classes. Christianna Sargent, sommelier at Arlington's **Willow** *(4301 N. Fairfax Drive; 703-465-8800)*, hosts theme wine nights each Thursday in the lounge. "Sometimes we pour based on varietal, and sometimes it's by region," she says. The flights of wine often have accompanying dishes from the kitchen.

Wine clubs are another way to delve into new drinks.

Want to learn more about vino? Washingtonwineacademy.com lists classes and tastings in the area.

Clarendon's **Screwtop Wine Bar** *(1025 N. Fillmore St.; 703-888-0845)* offers one for $40 a month in which members receive two bottles from a particular region or of a particular type, like say, Merlot — along with a cheese, chocolate or charcuterie item that goes with it.

Really, educating your palate about the grape stuff and what goes with it is all about uncorking what you really like.

"Pay attention to your wine," recommends Weygandt's Tim O'Rourke. "What is the color? What is the color at the rim of the glass compared to in the center of the glass? These give hints to the grape variety and the age of the wine." And the better you understand that bottle, the more likely it is you'll figure out what food would taste great with it, too. **E.H.**

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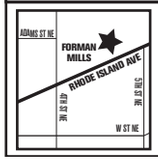


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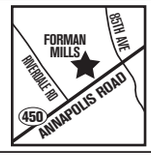




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Accepting Anne

I blame Sephora for my reluctance to embrace Anne Hathaway.

Years ago, the beauty chain had GIANT posters of the actress hanging in all of its stores. And, frankly, she looked like she was smelling something bad. So I decided I didn't like Anne Hathaway.



By Kristen Page-Kirby

My life being free of tween girls, I missed "The Princess Diaries" and however many sequels there were. Same with "Ella Enchanted." I thought she was woefully miscast and outclassed in "Brokeback Mountain."

Then there was that whole kerfuffle where she broke up with that guy who did bad things with other people's money. She seemed very classy and put-together. And then I randomly saw her perform Stephen Sondheim's "What More Do I Need?" on PBS, and found her utterly charming. She was intelligent and compelling in "The Devil Wears Prada" and surprisingly funny in "Get Smart." I was lucky enough to miss her reportedly competent turn in "Valentine's Day," but this isn't really about film. This is about me no longer wanting to punch an actress in the throat.

Hathaway might have easily taken up the clumsy-girl-goes-boom mantle dropped by Cameron Diaz. Instead she's stretched herself into a capable, enjoyable actress. She could have been a teen sensation; now she's around for the long haul. And I'm pretty OK with that.

@ Comments? Give Kristen your feedback: **expressnightout.com/thereelist**

A Walk on the Weird Side

'Shutter Island' is a strange, off-putting twist in Scorsese's sturdy body of work

Film Review



ANDREW COOPER/PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Leonardo DiCaprio stars as Teddy Daniels, a U.S. marshal whose assignment at an insane asylum takes several bizarre turns.

If "Shutter Island," a gothic thriller starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Mark Ruffalo, were put to a free association test, the word most likely to come to mind would certainly be "weird." The movie begins in 1954, when two U.S. marshals, Teddy Daniels (DiCaprio) and Chuck Aule (Ruffalo), arrive at the eponymous island just off Massachusetts, where looms the impenetrable Ashecliffe Hospital for the criminally insane. The marshals have been detailed to find a prisoner — er, patient — who has suddenly vanished from her locked cell like a wisp of the smoke from one of their ever-present cigarettes.

As a hurricane bears down on the island, Teddy and Chuck interview Ashecliffe's inhabitants and staff, all the while matching wits with the hospital's chief physician, the brilliant Dr. Cawley, played with poker-faced elan by Ben Kingsley. He insists that he is revolutionizing mental health by treating his patients with the compassion and dignity they deserve. And, oh, don't look too closely at that lighthouse over there, it's just a sewage treatment facility now, nothing to see, run along.

"Shutter Island" has been adapted from Dennis Lehane's novel by Martin Scorsese, who reaches back to nearly all his cinematic heroes — Alfred Hitchcock, Samuel Fuller, Otto Preminger, with a dash of John Frankenheimer's "The Manchurian Candidate" thrown across his shoulder — to create a pastiche of moody atmosphere, stylized flashbacks and dream sequences, and a devotion to flagrant violence that finally turns rancid and repulsive.

Teddy, a World War II veteran haunted by what he saw liberating Dachau, and the death of his wife (Michelle Williams), recalls the world-weary antiheroes played by Dana Andrews in so many noir classics (and there are moments when DiCaprio resembles a young Orson Welles playing him). But as "Shutter Island" proceeds, what is meant to be mysterious and unsettling becomes just plain incomprehensible.

And Scorsese's fascination with images of dead children — drowned, bloodied, ashen-faced — isn't sinister or scary or even creepy. It's just weird.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

'Shutter Island'

- **Director:** Martin Scorsese
- **Stars:** Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo and Ben Kingsley
- **In a Nutshell:** Two U.S. marshals search for a patient at a hospital for the criminally insane and get so much more than they bargained for.
- **For Fans of:** "The Ring," "Gothika," "The Shining" and "Jacob's Ladder"



Teamwork | A Dedicated Duo

Back in the day, where you found Martin Scorsese you'd also find Robert De Niro. From "Taxi Driver" to "Raging Bull" to "Goodfellas," the director-actor team had a solid working relationship that few thought would ever end. But these days, it seems Leonardo DiCaprio has taken over the role of Scorsese silver-screen darling. The pair first teamed up for "Gangs of New York," which was followed by "The Aviator" and "The Departed." Now with "Shutter Island" under their belts, rumor has it that Scorsese will be directing a Frank Sinatra biopic with DiCaprio in the title role. (EXPRESS)

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Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

Roll over Madonna, and tell Boy George the news: As the years go by and the Gen-Xers start having kids and settling down, '80s nights aren't the force they once were. Instead, the Children of the '90s are staking their claims to the club scene. Need proof? Check the No Scrubs all-'90s dance party, which started in February '08 as a one-off gathering on the backstage of the Black Cat. By last August, it brought in more than 1,000 customers to **THE 9:30 CLUB**. Yes, that many people showed up to dance like crazy to Boyz II Men, TLC, Biggie, Technotronic, Nirvana, Bell Biv Devoe, Big Audio Dynamite and the Prodigy. The vibes are fantastic. The music — spun by DJs Will Eastman and Brian Billion — is a trip down memory lane for those of us of a certain age. The cover charge is $10, and we wouldn't be surprised if it completely sold out this time. (Get a preview of the night courtesy of a Brian Billion '90s mix at Blisspop.com.)



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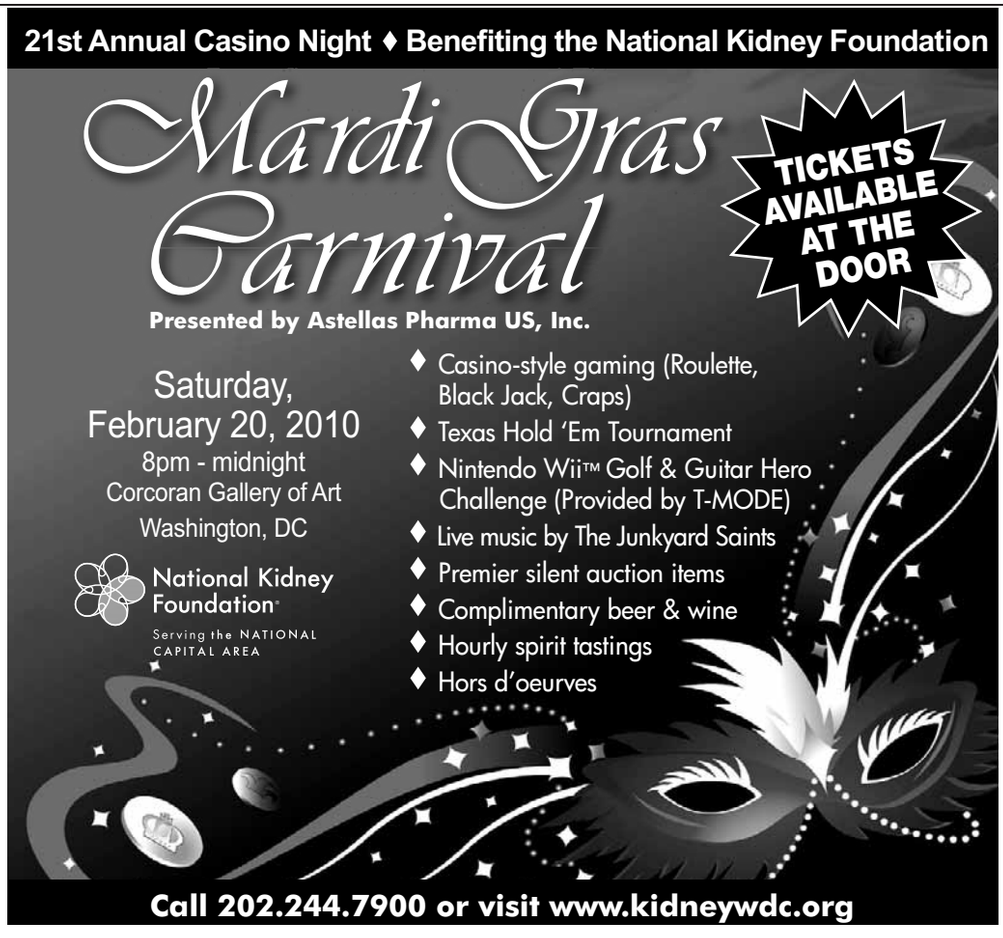
Groove to TLC, above; Biggie; and Nirvana at the 9:30 Club's No Scrubs dance party.

SATURDAY

On Saturday night at the **CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART**, the attraction won't be 19th-century French paintings or works by Pissarro and Van Gogh. Instead, crowds will be at the venerable museum to play Texas Hold 'Em poker and blackjack and compete in Guitar Hero and Wii Golf tournaments. The National Kidney Foundation's Casino Night raises money to support medical research and services for people with kidney disease in the D.C. area. For a $100 ticket, you get a DJ and dancing, an open bar, guided spirit tastings, hors d'oeuvres, a large silent auction, $10,000 in fake money for gambling and the good feeling of knowing all proceeds go to charity. Get tickets in advance from the Kidney Foundation's Web site.

Remember when the 9:30 Club (F Street version) used to have those "3 bands, 3 bucks" shows? Now, $3 at the 9:30 Club will get you about 6 ounces of Budweiser. But inexpensive local shows live on, albeit often in a house and not a club. This show at **THE CHERCH** features three of the area's most promising bands. Hume, the highlight of last month's Sockets Record showcase, plays a unique mix of Afropop/post-rock/power pop. True Womanhood's just-released debut EP, six songs of finely-crafted textures, surging walls of sound and dramatic vocals easily puts the trio near the top of the "Local Breakout Bands" list. Joining the fun will be Brooklyn's Dinowalrus, who will create spastic art-rock that sounds like it's played through giant amps made of old Pac-Man arcade games.

Now that D.C.'s fraternity of DJs have had a few months to turn weekends at **LITTLE MISS WHISKEY'S** into proper dance workouts, the decks are being opened up to other national talents. Cosmo Baker hits the booth tonight with a resume spanning both coasts. From his early days on Philly's scene with King Britt and Rich Medina to his current fame as part of the Rub in Brooklyn, Baker has been a DJ's DJ. The best part is that you don't have to pay anything to find out, because admission is free.



Fierce Competitor

The Olympics gives 'American Idol' a ratings reality check

Television

Lindsey Vonn, Shaun White and Shani Davis are the true American idols.

With the trio leading a record haul of six medals for the Americans, NBC's telecast of the Olympics clobbered Fox's "American Idol" in TV ratings Wednesday night.

During the hour that the two shows went head-to-head, 30.1 million people watched the Olympics while 18.4 million watched "American Idol."

It was the first time any show has beaten "American Idol" since May 2004, when a special Monday edition was topped by NBC's "Fear Factor." With the exception of one "Idol Gives Back" special in 2008, it was the least-seen episode of "American Idol" since 2003.



MICHAEL BECKER/FOX

Sorry, Ellen — national pride is more important to America than "Idol."

Even before the Olympics started, NBC was referring to the night as its "white-hot Wednesday." The network heavily promoted Vonn, White and Davis, and each won a gold medal.

Still, it was a startling turnaround from just the night before, when "Idol" beat the Olympics by nearly 4 million viewers. **(AP)**

The Death of a Veteran

An inflammatory civil rights movie is framed around a true-to-life murder

Film Review

Based on the real-life murder of a young black Vietnam vet by white Southerners, "Blood Done Sign My Name" is the story of an outrageous, if familiar, tragedy.

In 1970, Dickie Marrow was shot and beaten to death in North Carolina for alleged flirtatious comments made to a white woman. But in the movie, by writer-director Jeb Stuart, the character (played by A.C. Sanford) isn't so much a person as a device. Stuart uses his death as a lesson: The struggle for racial equality often placed politics above the personal.

"You think Dickie Marrow's murder is the worst civil rights lynching ever? It doesn't even come close to the things that I've seen," says Golden Frinks (Afemo Omilami), the dashiki-clad "stoker," or agitator. Frinks doesn't care about Dickie the man. As he explains to Dickie's friend Ben Chavis (Nate Parker) — yes, the same guy who in real life went on to lead the NAACP — "What's special about [Dickie's] death is it gives us an opportunity to make things better."

In that sense, the audience isn't really asked to care much about Dickie. Don't get me wrong: Stuart wants to tick us off — and the film does that, beautifully — but the anger is less about Marrow than about the civil rights movement.

That anger finds its expression chiefly in the travails and handwringing of a sympathetic white pastor, the Rev. Vernon Tyson (Rick Schroder), and, for the most part, not in the emotions of Dickie's family and friends. Tyson is really the main character here. His frustration at his efforts to teach tolerance to the town's rednecks at times threatens to dislodge the film's center of gravity.

But the emphasis on the Virtuous White Man is only mildly irritating in this story about black suffering. And, truth be told, it's fairly understandable, when you learn that the movie is based on a book by the minister's son, Tim Tyson.

Despite its earnestness, however, "Blood" feels a little like preaching to the choir. Its intended audience is anyone with enough heart to be horrified by the events it depicts, but also with enough plausible deniability to point the finger of blame at someone else. **MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)**



PALADIN

Ben (Nate Parker) works to avenge his friend's death in "Blood Done Sign My Name."



What the Heck?

Sleep of the Dead

We already have a life-sized cardboard Edward Cullen, but cuddling with it gave us paper cuts. Enter the Manllow (man + pillow), a cushy torso wearing Robert Pattinson's face. After a torrent of Internet attention, the Etsy vendor (Etsy.com/shop/manllow) says she's making more of the sold-out item as soon as she can. **(EXPRESS)**





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ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG, 88 minutes) For its young (or merely immature) target audience — your average fourth-grader — this sequel to the 2007 feature about an animated trio of squeaky-voiced singing rodents is a far sight better than the original. "Fantastic Mr. Fox" it's not. But as talking animal movies go, this "squeakquel" squeaks by. **(MO)**

AVATAR (PG-13, 161 minutes) As James Cameron proved in 1997's "Titanic," he has a penchant for melding spectacle and old-fashioned storytelling. Here, the narrative fulcrum is a classic boy-meets-girl, boy-loses-girl romance. Is the dialogue corny? You bet. Does the movie go kerblooey in its final moments, during a ferocious, explosive firefight that will leave your eyeballs bleeding? Uh-huh. But Cameron has delivered what he promised with "Avatar": an ambitious, fully immersive cinematic experience. **(AH)**


UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Benicio Del Toro gives us his "I'm turning into an animal" face in "The Wolfman."

THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13, 126 minutes) Based on the true story of Michael Oher and Leigh Anne Tuohy, "The Blind Side" has a straightforward lack of cheap sentiment that saves it from being either too maudlin or saccharine-sweet. Especially in the film's soaring, triumphant final moments, viewers get the sense that this isn't a story about race or redemption or the complexities of class and culture. It's a story about family. **(AH)**

THE BOOK OF ELI (R, 118 minutes) Denzel Washington beautifully inhabits the film's titular hero, a laconic, solitary gunslinger who's also custodian of a mysterious tome, carried in his backpack as he travels



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WARNER BROS.

Jennifer Garner glows with dimply perfection at Ashton Kutcher in last weekend's box office winner, "Valentine's Day."

through a burned-out landscape populated by cannibalistic "hijackers." Gary Oldman makes a great villain, tearing into the part of Carnegie, the corrupt, small-town boss who also wants Eli's book for his personal library. **(MO)**

CRAZY HEART (R, 111 minutes) You don't have to be a fan of Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson, Merle Haggard, Townes Van Zandt, Doug Sahm and sundry other Texans and twangers to love this film. But it sure can't hurt. All those musicians are invoked by Jeff Bridges in this lovely, bittersweet romantic drama, in which he virtually channels country music's most storied outlaws, rule-benders and heartbreakers. Bridges plays Bad Blake, a grizzled singer-songwriter now performing on the Southwestern bowling alley circuit. **(AH)**

DEAR JOHN (PG-13, 108 minutes) It's not as if there's anything wrong with the stars of this story of young love and heartbreak centering on the long-distance romance and postal correspondence between a young soldier stationed in the Middle East and the collegiate dream girl he's known for all of two weeks. As John and Savannah, Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried, respectively, make their whirlwind courtship about as believable as any spring fling could be. Then Nicholas Sparks went and ruined things. No, I'm not upset by what eventually happens. Rather, it's the excuse you came up with for Savannah's actions. I don't know how else to say this, but it feels like, well, a lie. **(MO)**

EDGE OF DARKNESS (R, 117 minutes) Like its hero, Boston police detective Tom Craven (Mel Gibson), this elaborate revenge fantasy is a methodical and workmanlike thing. After only about five minutes of mourning for his dead child (Bojana Novakovic), Craven washes the blood off his face and gets down to business, running through the list of his daughter Emma's contacts from her cell phone, and systematically contacting them, one by one by one. Soon, he's unearthed a vast cabal, conspiracy and coverup. **(MO)**

AN EDUCATION (PG-13, 100 minutes) Sixteen-year-old Jenny (Carey Mulligan) lives in London with her anxious, ambitious parents, who are channeling all their post-war striving into aspirations for their bright, pretty daughter. Jenny is headed to Oxford and, presumably, better things when she crosses paths with a handsome older man who takes her under his wing. Screenwriter Nick Hornby and director Lone Scherfig have adapted Lynn Barber's memoir to near-perfection, capturing British life in 1961 as an era between the '50s and the Youth Revolution. **(AH)**

FROM PARIS WITH LOVE (R, 95 minutes) Set in the City of Lights, Pierre Morel's film has as much to do with l'amour as, say, the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Maybe less. It's the story of trigger-happy CIA veteran Charlie Wax (John Travolta) and his unlikely junior partner James Reece (Jonathan Rhys Meyers), a desk jockey who has always dreamed of ditching his cover job at the U.S. Embassy for a career in special ops. No sooner has Charlie arrived in town than he takes James under his beefy wing, shooting up half the city in what he explains is a mission to take down a French-based drug cartel. **(MO)**

INVICTUS (PG-13, 133 minutes) Matt Damon plays Francois Pienaar, the captain of the South African rugby team the Springboks, which in 1995 won the World Cup. The movie tells the story of that unlikely and politically crucial victory, which as much as anything was the result of the gentle coaxing and adamantine moral suasion of the country's new president, Nelson Mandela. Morgan Freeman doesn't play Mandela as much as inhabit the man, in a performance that seems to embody the very transcendence that Mandela himself has come to stand for. **(AH)**

IT'S COMPLICATED (R, 199 minutes) As Jane and Jake Adler — 10 years divorced and with three grown children, yet suddenly drawn back in each other's lives (and beds) after a drunken fling over the weekend of their son's (Hunter Parrish) college graduation — Alec Baldwin and Meryl Streep pick up the movie and run away with it. The writing and direction, by rom-com veteran Nancy Meyers ("Something's Gotta Give"), are deft enough. But it's Streep and Baldwin's gamely ribald performances, and their seemingly effortless, effervescent chemistry, that put the pep in this

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Christian Friedel and Leonie Benesch star in the dying-to-be-arty "The White Ribbon."

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movie's highly choreographed, yet richly entertaining step. **(MO)**

THE LAST STATION (R, 112 minutes) Helen Mirren brings all her vinegary spirit and lustiness to her performance as Sofya Tolstoy, wife of the famed Russian author Leo (Christopher Plummer), and, as the film would have it, both the balm and bane of his existence. Based on Jay Parini's novel, the film concerns the final year of Tolstoy's life, when he was living at his family estate in near-constant battle with Sofya over his publishing copyright: He wanted to give it to the Russian people; she thought it rightfully belonged with the family. **(AH)**

LEGION (R, 100 minutes) The assaulting hordes are demons and angels from heaven, and these angels and their spawn aren't taking any prisoners. God's given up on the human race and is ready to wipe us out — again. Profane, profanely silly and blasphemous to beat the band, the film begins well, then plunges into the abyss of tedium. Dennis Quaid, Lucas Black, Adrianne Palicki and others yell, "What the hell IS this?" as hell rains down on them. **ORLANDO SENTINEL**

PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF (PG, 119 minutes) Fans of Rick Riordan's books — a five-volume series about a boy who discovers he's the half-human, half-divine son of the Greek god Poseidon — will be disappointed to learn that, in the translation of this first book from page to screen, the title character has gone from a wisecracking misfit who wakes up with superpowers to, well, a washout. As played by Logan Lerman, Percy is a pretty boy with good hair but no discernible interior life. The movie also suffers by taking itself a little too seriously. It's not just that it's a lot less funny than the book. It's also a lot less fun. **(MO)**

SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13, 125 minutes) Directed by Guy Ritchie and starring Robert Downey Jr., the newest contribution to the world of Arthur Conan Doyle spin-offs is less a product of genuinely Holmesian DNA than, say, "Se7en." There's black magic here, too; Lord Blackwood (Mark Strong) — who has been going around London dispensing with people — has apparently risen from the dead. **(MO)**

A SINGLE MAN (R, 99 minutes) Adapted from a Christopher Isherwood novel by Tom Ford, Firth plays George Falconer, a college professor living in Los Angeles in 1962. As the film opens, George is awaking to another day, haunted by the memory of a departed lover. As the film works its subtle magic, the movie takes on the momentum and narrative tension of a thriller, bringing the audience to the edge of its collective seat during its shattering final moments. **(AH)**

THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG, 92 minutes) Here we have yet another lazily kid-pleasing comedy about a man unprepared for fatherhood who's suddenly saddled with children who hate his guts and who he must win over in order to make time with their hot single mom. Here, it's Bob Ho (Jackie Chan), an intelligence agent on loan from China to the CIA who finds himself taking care of the three brats of his girlfriend, Gillian (Amber Valletta),

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when she's called out of town on a family medical emergency. **(MO)**

UP IN THE AIR (R, 109 minutes) There are fewer things more sublime than Clooney in his comfort zone, and when it happens, the best advice is to sit back, relax and enjoy the flight. In this case, literally: Clooney plays Ryan Bingham, a corporate downsizer who spends most of his life in airplanes and likes it that way. It is a smart, alert, supremely entertaining movie, in which director Jason Reitman toggles between comedy and drama, satire and soul with the aplomb of hero pilot Chesley Sullenberger. **(AH)**

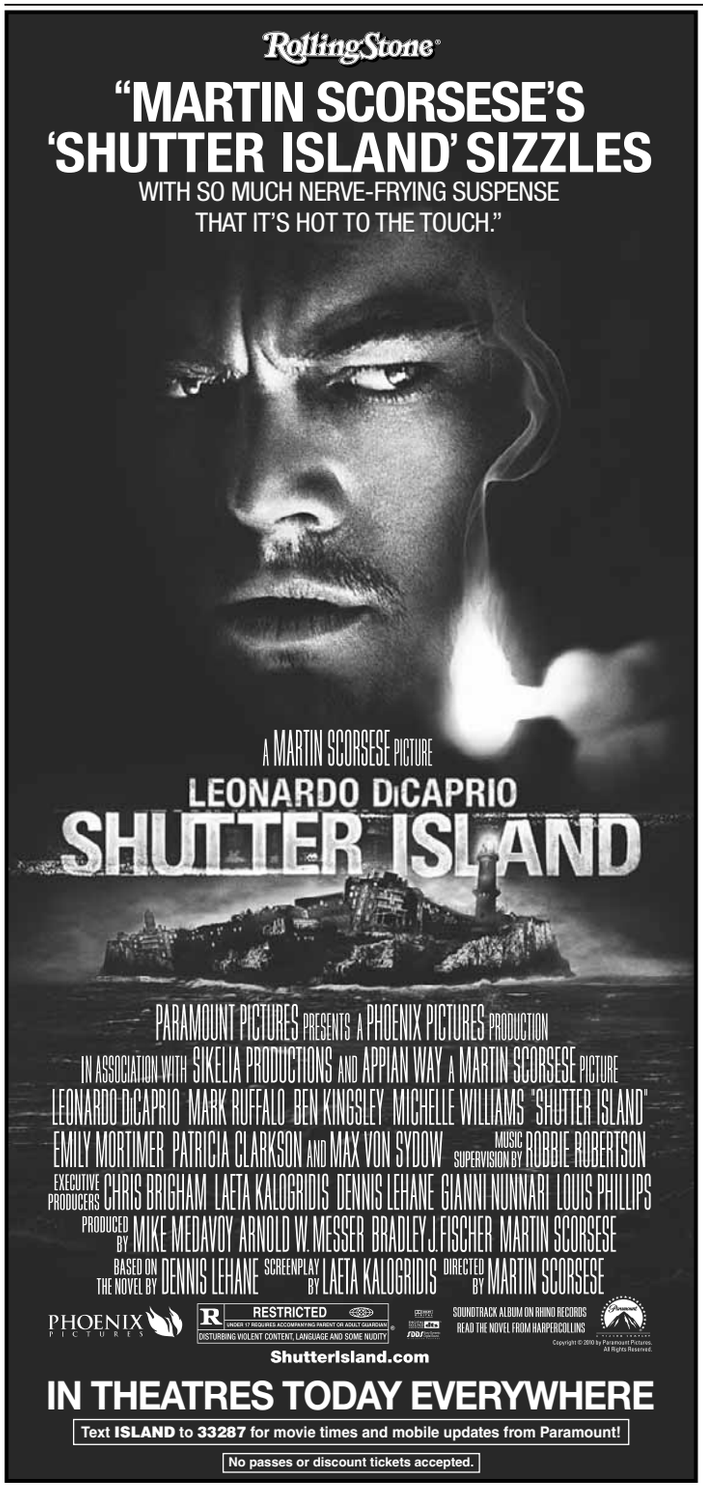
VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13, 124 minutes) For almost all of its 124 minutes, "Valentine's Day" delivers exactly what anyone with remedial knowledge of the romantic comedy genre would expect. It does surprise once or twice as it unspools its multiple, vaguely connected, L.A. lovey-dovey stories. Reed Bennett (Ashton Kutcher) is a florist who wakes up bright, early and besotted on Valentine's Day and proposes to his career-oriented girlfriend (Jessica Alba). She says yes, but it's clear to everyone — except, of course, Reed — that Flower Guy really belongs with Julia (Jennifer Garner), the dimple-cheeked sweetie-pie teacher with the doctor boyfriend (Patrick Dempsey) and the pal in the PR business (Jessica Biel) who throws an annual anti-Valentine's Day bash to mourn her manlessness but just might connect with a local sportscaster (Jamie Foxx). The rest of the film, however, just runs around the same old romantic-comedy bases. **JEN CHANEY**

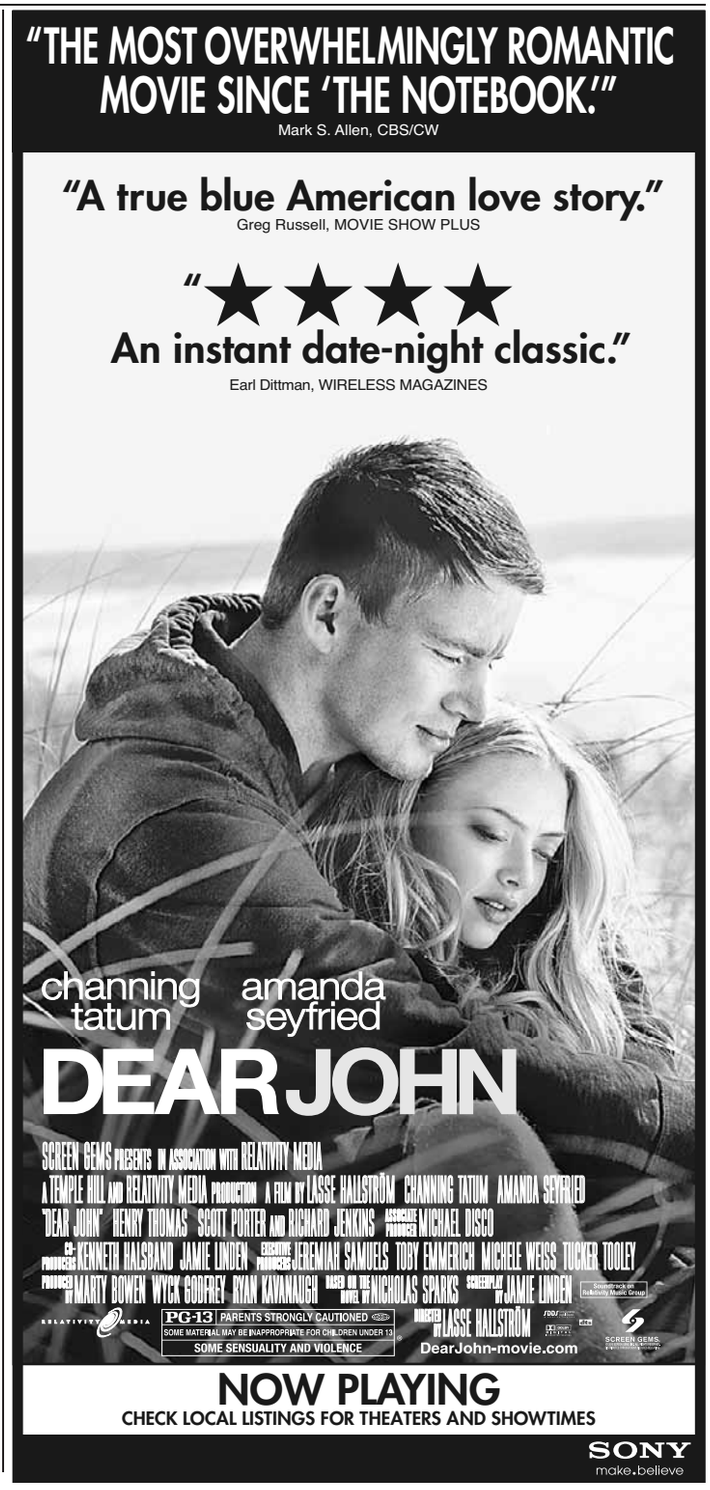
WHEN IN ROME (PG-13, 91 minutes) Kristen Bell should have eligible bachelors beating down her door. In this creakily contrived romantic comedy, she does. Will Arnett, Jon Heder, Dax Shepard and Danny DeVito all play characters who fall in love with Bell's Beth, a lovelorn curator who returns from a wedding in Rome to find herself suddenly pursued by more suitors than she knows what to do with. None of these dudes is really smitten with Beth — they're under some kind of magic spell resulting from the fact that Beth removed coins they threw into a wishing fountain in Rome. **(MO)**

THE WHITE RIBBON (R, 144 minutes) With its austere black-and-white cinematography and meticulously composed frames, the film lunges hungrily for serious art-film credibility. Don't be fooled. Set in a small northern German town on the cusp of World War I, writer-director Michael Haneke's macabre story features a community riven by class resentment, mutual suspicion and everyday lies that come to the fore when a series of mysterious violent crimes occur. With its lurking sense of doom and moral fatalism, this grim fairy tale doesn't presage World War I so much as World War II, seeking to locate the seeds of fascism in a generation infected by religious hypocrisy and authoritarian abuses of power. It's a simplistic notion, disturbing not in its surprise or profundity, but in the sadistic trouble the filmmaker has taken to advance it. **(AH)**

WOLFMAN (R, 125 minutes) The arms and legs begin to stretch. The hands turn into razor-sharp claws. The teeth grow jagged, the head and body sprout coarse hair and the eyes gleam with a ferocious killer's stare. Benicio Del Toro's creepy transformation from man to beast is the highlight of an otherwise uninspired remake of the 1941 horror classic starring Lon Chaney Jr. as the poor sucker who becomes a werewolf after being bitten by one. Del Toro had better hope that viewers forget his cheesy performance here as soon as possible. Director Joe Johnston pulls out all the stops to make us scream and bite our tongues. Yet it's all too predictable and by the book, even with a few plot twists that aren't in the original. **BLOOMBERG NEWS**

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1 Always Time For Love

Sure, Valentine's Day is long gone, but that doesn't mean you can't get all melty over a truly great romantic comedy. "What's Up, Doc?" is a Barbra Streisand movie that tends to turn off people who don't realize it's also one of the funniest movies ever made. Too bad you won't be able to rewind the magnificent final chase scene and watch it over and over and over. **F.Z.**

AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Fri., 7 p.m.; 301-495-6720, Afi.com/silver. (Silver Spring)

2 Come One, Come All

The circus is in town! Sort of. On the third Sunday of every month, Fridge DC will be hosting a circus of local artists of various stripes: This weekend you can witness poetry, juggling, sword-swallowing, dancing and music. And we're not joking about the mustache thing below. **F.Z.**

Fridge DC, rear alley, 516 8th St. SE; Sun., 6 p.m., $12, $10 if you have a real or fake mustache; 202-664-4151, Thefridgedc.com. (Eastern Market)

3 On Your Toes

We love it when ballet strays from its romantic image — "Romeo and Juliet" is gorgeous, but what a snooze — and tries something a little more daring. That's why we're into the Bolshoi Ballet's rendition of "Spartacus." The tale of slave rebellion is certainly unexpected material for a ballet, especially the crucifixion part. **F.Z.**



Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; through Sun., $47-$135; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)

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THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 11:05, 2:05

Maryland

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center

Silver Spring — www.afi.com/silver

THE HURT LOCKER (R) 2:10, 6:45
THE YOUNG VICTORIA (PG) 12:15, 4:40, 9:20
UP IN THE AIR (R) 12:25, 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, 9:25
YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU (NR) 4:30 P.M.
WHAT'S UP, DOC? (G) 7:00 P.M.
HIGH PLAINS DRIFTER (R) 9:00 P.M.

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema

Bethesda — www.landmarktheatres.com

THE LAST STATION (R) (1:30, 4:15)7:00, 9:40
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AMC Loews Center Park

Beltsville — www.amctheatres.com

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AMC Loews White Flint

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AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center

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Regal Bethesda

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Regal Majestic Cinema

Silver Spring — www.regmovies.com

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Hyattsville — www.regmovies.com

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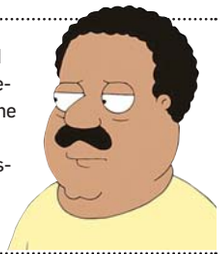
The Life & Times of Tim (HBO) Steve Dildarian's offbeat animated comedy series returns for a new 10-episode season chronicling more adventures of a hapless New Yorker in his 20s. In the season opener, Tim (voiced by Dildarian) grows a post-breakup beard that gets a reaction at work, then suffers through a bad play in order to help Stu score some pot.

SAT 9:00



America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back (FOX) Host John Walsh takes on the violent murder-kidnap ring "The Toothpicks" — an offshoot of Mexico's drug cartels — in "The Toothpicks Special Edition."

SUN 8:30



The Cleveland Show (FOX) Cleveland challenges Junior to get a job to teach him responsibility, but after the boy lands a gig at the Stool, he soon clashes with his dad. Roberta competes with Lacey (guest voice Ashley Tisdale), the rich girl in school, in "The Curious Case of Jr. Working at the Stool."

SUN 9:00

Desperate Housewives (ABC) Susan causes quite a stir among her friends when she invites former stripper Robin (guest star Julie Benz) into her home — especially Lynette, whose three teenage boys are practically baying at the moon. **(TRIBUNE MEDIA)**



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THE RICKY GERVAIS SHOW

The Surreal Life

FRI 9:00

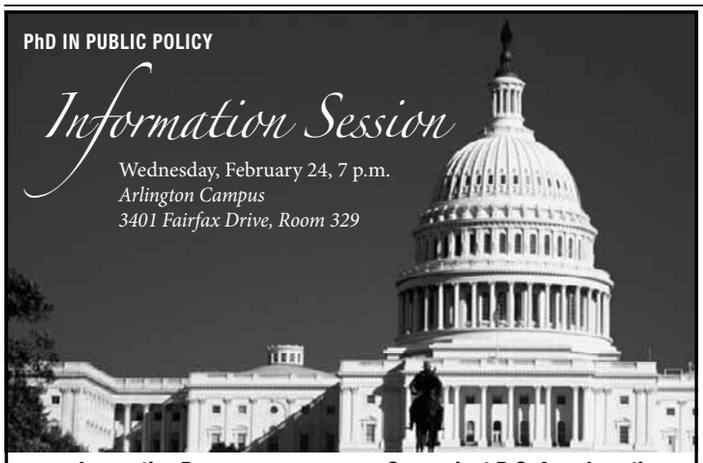
(HBO) Based on their Guinness world record-setting podcasts, Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant — the guys behind the British version of "The Office" — get animated (literally) in this new series built around their surreal conversations with friend and colleague Karl Pilkington. In the opener, Ricky and Stephen debate the merits of 20th-century inventions with Karl and introduce "Monkey News." **(TRIBUNE MEDIA)**

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Sober Subject

"Sins of the Mother" (8 p.m., Lifetime, Sun.) stars singer-actress Jill Scott, above, as Nona, a middle-aged woman who struggles every day to stay sober. Her upbeat affirmations make her a hero to pals in her rehab program. But when her 20-something graduate-student daughter Shay returns home, both women have to confront a bleak shared history. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)**



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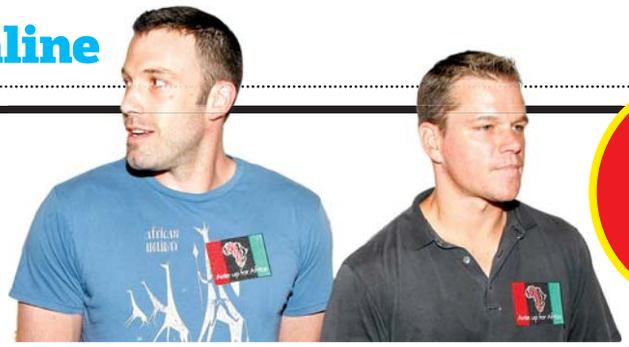
COMMENTER DIOGENES

"Not a chance, but maybe in 2016 with Clinton."

COMMENTER COMMON KEVIN

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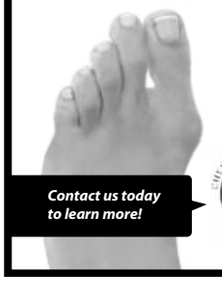
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Horoscope

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It'll be more important to you today than it has been in the recent past for you to process and assimilate what comes in an efficient manner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be finally coming out of a slow period marked by a lack of confidence or vision. What happens next gets your blood pumping.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's a good time to re-establish ties with those who were so important to you in the past. One friend in particular is ready now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Trust yourself to do and say the right things. You know what's going on, and you have a keen understanding, too.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Use your head; don't let someone pull you into an undesirable situation by playing on your emotions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Major gains are in the offing, but you're going to want to begin this next phase of things in a slow, deliberate fashion. Minimize risks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The more you reflect on the past, the more you can anticipate the future. Others look to you for assistance in this line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You tend to be hard on yourself when you feel you are at fault, but a negative situation has little to do with you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A few of your friends will be playing more significant roles in your affairs than expected. Are you the only one who is really surprised?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Tend to routine affairs before giving yourself over to a situation that others have provided and that demands you cut loose a bit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll benefit from greater analysis — even when a situation seems to be simple and clear-cut. There's always a mystery to solve.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't be so keen on being one step ahead at all times that you can't enjoy taking the journey with a friend or partner.

PostPoints DAILY CODE ON

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 206

							RACK 1
E1	I1	O1	U1	H4	T1	G2	
							RACK 2
A1	I1	Y4	S1	N1	M3	D2	
							RACK 3
A1	I1	O1	L1	L1	G2	C3	Double Word Score
							RACK 4
E1	U1	T1	S1	S1	G2	G2	3rd Letter Triple

Yesterday's Solution

M3	I1	S1	C3	A1	L1	L1	RACK 1 = 61
O1	N1	W4	A1	R1	D2		RACK 2 = 10
R1	O1	M3	A1	N1	C3	E1	RACK 3 = 72
T1	A1	C3	T1	F4	U1	L1	RACK 4 = 68
PAR SCORE 150-160							TOTAL 211

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Sudoku

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Yesterday's Solution

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Today: 46 | 27

Breezy today with sunshine and patchy clouds. Mainly clear tonight.

Tomorrow: 42 | 29

Partly sunny and breezy tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
44 | 28	38 | 30	40 | 27

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 6:55 a.m.
Sunset today: 5:50 p.m.
Moonrise today: 9:05 a.m.
Moonset today: 11:34 p.m.

Almanac

Normal high: 47
Record high: 76
Normal low: 30
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Crossword

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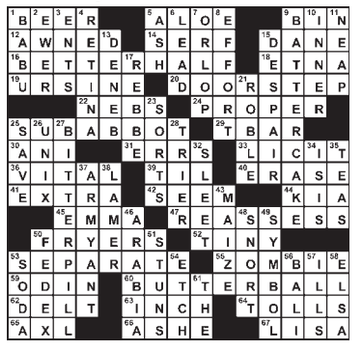
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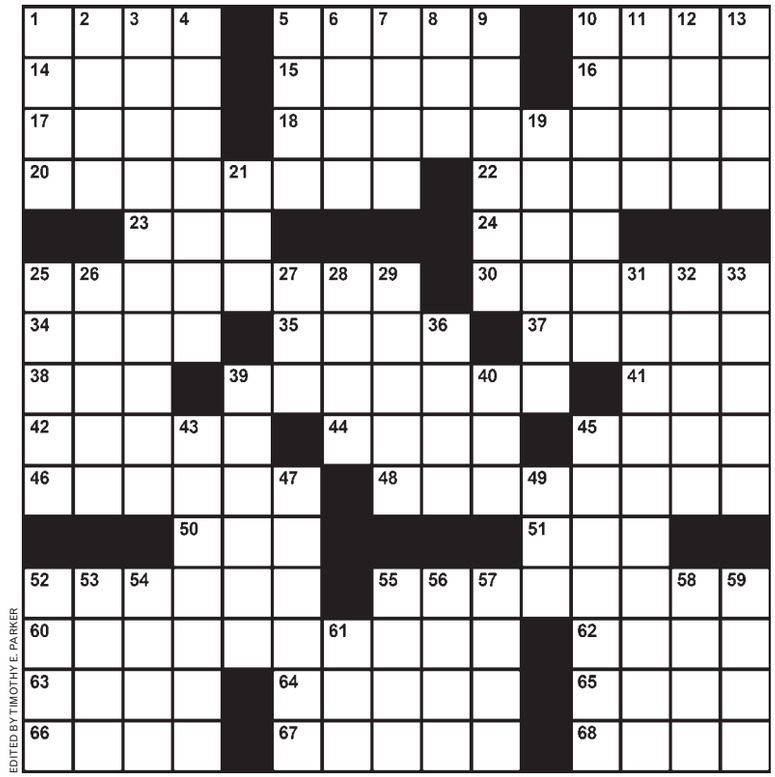
1 15-0 in baseball, e.g.
5 Antiknock ingredient
10 Gold-winning Korbut
14 It's plucked in Parma
15 A bib catches it
16 Bank or library offering
17 Browse through
18 In desperate need of help
20 Like craft fair goods
22 Annoy
23 "Gidget" star Sandra
24 "The Mikado" wardrobe item
25 Cooperative effort
30 Sting's real last name
34 Celestial spheres
35 First sound in an MGM movie
37 Infamous first name among hoteliers
38 "This ___ shall pass"
39 Egg-based paint
41 What gossiping tongues do
42 Draw forth
44 Weapon with a bell-shaped guard
45 Meet head-on
46 Authors Anya and Ernest
48 Insults
50 Aromatherapy setting
51 Times gone by, in times gone by
52 Is a part of, as a play
55 Handle incorrectly?
60 All over
62 "Hello, sailor!"
63 "Just ___!" ("Be right with you!")
64 War classic "Low ___"
65 Hackman of "The French Connection"
66 "Honey do" list item
67 Absinthe flavor
68 Casey Jones, for one (Abbr.)

DOWN

1 Acting too hastily
2 Doomed vessel in "Jaws"
3 No longer bedridden
4 Bicycles built for two
5 Collection of Norse poems
6 Beat a path
7 "Battle Hymn of the Republic" author
8 Hither and ___
9 Argentine grasslands
10 Ancient
11 Goods for a fence
12 Caesar's conquest
13 Opening payment
19 Astronomer's sighting
21 Kitten's noise
25 Bags at the mall
26 Create chasms
27 Assayer's raw material
28 Seven Hills city
29 Certain sorority woman
31 At times
32 Bring into law
33 Continues furiously, as a storm
36 Coral buildup
39 Alley target
40 He may OK a KO
43 Czarist-era peasant group
45 Fall display
47 Bullock of "The Blind Side"
49 Abbr. after many a military title
52 Give ___ lip (punch)
53 Castro calls it home?
54 "___ bien!"
55 Between mini- and maxi-
56 13th or 15th of the month
57 All dried out
58 "Blaze" politico
59 Once-over giver
61 "... ___ one for the Gipper"

Yesterday's Solution



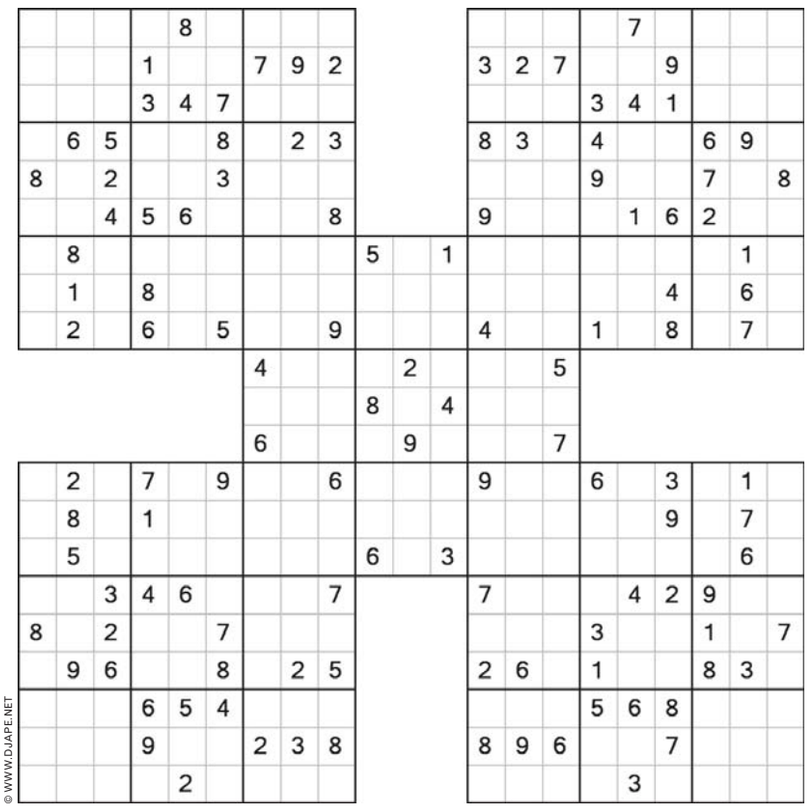


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Samurai Sudoku

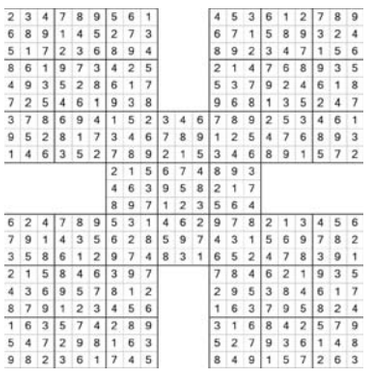
DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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Last Week's Solution



Today in History

1945 During World War II, 30,000 U.S. Marines land on Iwo Jima, where they encounter ferocious resistance from Japanese forces before taking control of the island.

1936 The U.S. Senate approves a treaty outlawing genocide, 37 years after the pact had first been submitted for ratification.

2008 An ailing Fidel Castro resigns as Cuba's president after nearly a half-century in power.

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Goliath's Lawyers to Utterly Destroy David

J.K. Rowling has been named in a lawsuit alleging she stole ideas for "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" from author Adrian Jacobs. His estate added Rowling as a defendant in a copyright infringement suit filed in June against her publisher. It claims "Goblet" copied Jacobs' "The Adventures of Willy the Wizard." (AP)

USELESS

Jon Equals the Jeans You Never Wear but Won't Give to Charity

Jon Gosselin will not return to TLC's airwaves, Radaronline.com reported. Per the legal settlement reached Wednesday, TLC still has Gosselin under contract. In other news, Jon and Kate Gosselin sold their prior home for $258,000, down from an initial asking price of $325,000. The house has been for sale since March 2009. (EXPRESS)



ETHAN MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

TLC decided to keep Jon in case it needs a human sacrifice or gets hungry.

Victims



Joy Behar Gets Her Shiv Ready

ABC says octuplets mother Nadya Suleman will make an appearance as a guest on "The View" on Wednesday. Suleman and her children have been a frequent topic of debate on the weekday talk show. Widely known as "Octomom," Suleman gained international attention last year for giving birth to octuplets, the second full set born alive in the United States. She has six other children. (AP)



STEPHEN LOVEKIN/GETTY IMAGES

The Kremlin totally cares about how beautiful Demi Moore gets every day.

TECHNOBABBLE

Ashton Friends Russia

Ashton Kutcher says he will "crowd source" questions about the Kremlin's push to develop a Russian Silicon Valley to his 4.5 million Twitter fans. The actor is part of a U.S. delegation of technology and social media leaders that arrived in Moscow as part of White House efforts to improve ties with Russia. Kutcher said Thursday that he will "translate the Russian voice to an American audience" and seek advice on Russia's efforts to build its own high-tech center. (AP)



SIGNS

Calm Seas Mean Tsunami Of Crazy Is Coming Soon

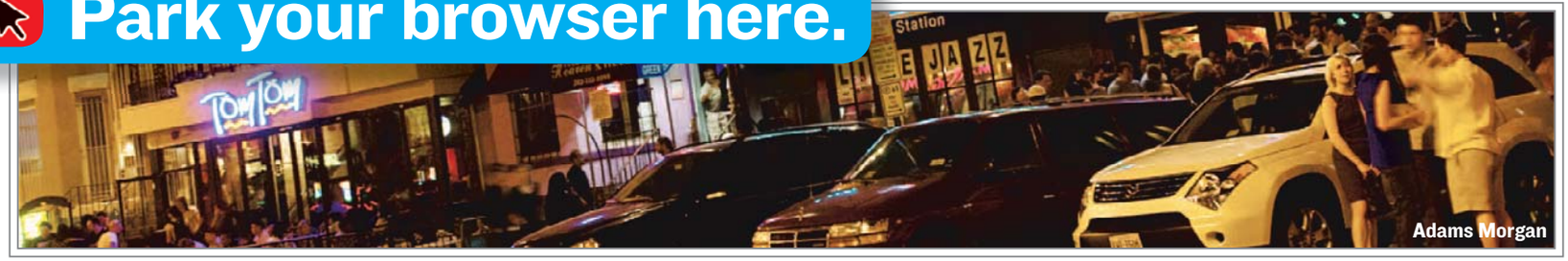
A judge says Lindsay Lohan is in full compliance with the terms of her probation for a drunken-driving and drug case. The Los Angeles Superior Court judge said Thursday that "everything looks good" with Lohan's progress in a court-ordered drug and alcohol education program. Lohan has had trouble completing the program and had her probation extended last year. (AP)

"Kris just thinks that if you're an athlete you tend to be a better person, when that's not always the case."



—SCOTT DISICK, FATHER OF KOURTNEY KARDASHIAN'S SON, ON KOURTNEY'S MOM, KRIS JENNER. KRIS' DAUGHTERS KIM AND KHLOE ARE DATING/MARRIED TO STAR ATHLETES.

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